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Board of Selectmen

Timothy "Ted" Connors, Chair  
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Town Hall  
 will be closed  
 in celebration  
 of Columbus  
 Day on  
 Monday,  
 October 11<sup>th</sup>.

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**Upcoming Meetings:**

10/4/2021	Board of Selectmen	4:30pm	Town Hall
10/4/2021	Planning Board	6pm	Town Hall
10/5/2021	Recreation Committee	5pm	Library
10/5/2021	Police Commission	4pm	Police Station
10/6/2021	Board of Fire Engineers	5:30pm	Fire Station
10/12/2021	Board of Selectmen	4:30pm	Town Hall
10/12/2021	Planning Board	6pm	Town Hall
10/14/2021	Conservation Commission	6:30pm	Town Hall
10/18/2021	Board of Selectmen	4:30pm	Town Hall
10/20/2021	Sewer Commission	9am	Wst. Water Trtmt. Facility
10/25/2021	Board of Selectmen	4:30pm	Town Hall
10/25/2021	Planning Board	6pm	Town Hall
10/28/2021	Economic Development Committee	6pm	Town Hall

[Please check the town calendar at [www.Newington.nh.us](http://www.Newington.nh.us) to confirm the meeting times, just prior to the date, as these may change]

## Conservation Commission Volunteer Position Openings

The Newington Conservation Commission is looking for new members who are able to commit to a few hours starting at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. We are required to have a minimum of three, impartial, qualifying members to meet our voting quorum in reviewing Department of Environmental Services wetland permit applications, and other conservation preservation matters. We would love to see some new faces from town!

The Conservation Commission's purpose is to ensure "proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources" under RSA 36-A. The Commission also comments on applications for work in wetlands as required by RSA 482-A and the Town's Zoning Ordinance.

Interested parties are welcome to attend and observe the next Commission meeting on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Kent Auditorium at Town Hall, and submit a letter (to address at end of Newsletter) or email of interest to the attention of the Board of Selectmen ([selectmen@newington.nh.us](mailto:selectmen@newington.nh.us)) for appointment.

Newington Conservation Commission

## Recreation News! Mark your calendars:

The Newington Recreation Committee is having Historic Trolley Tours of Newington, narrated by John Lamson, on October 17th. The trolley times are 3pm (kids trolley) and 4pm (adults). Come learn about our amazing little town and its history.

**STILL OPENINGS ON BOTH TOURS BUT FILLING FAST! Call Town Hall to sign up today:  
436-7640 ext 302**



## TRAINS IN NEWINGTON

As many of you may have seen on NH Chronicle (see link below); Bob Witkop of Lydia Lane has built a back yard, garden scale, Atlantic Coastal Railroad in his spare time. This project was 4 years in the making using 4 pallets of granite. It has a working waterfall, underground electrical and plumbing, 31 handmade premium grade, aged, pressure treated trestles and a steel based handmade bridge. There are also 125 feet of brass tracks, assorted "scenics" (buildings, cars, people, etc).

Problems he ran into you may ask? Deer and turkey- He lost 31 hostas last winter/spring.



**BACKGROUND GARDEN SCALE ("G SCALE") RAILROAD**

*Atlantic Coastal Railroad*



***Trestle and Bridge with Waterfall in Background***

Link to WMUR Chronicle show of Bob Witkop's train project:

<https://www.wmur.com/article/monday-september-14th-extreme-backyards/33981091>

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**Vaccination Rates**

You may have read recently that 56% of the nation is fully vaccinated. However, Newington has a record 78% fully vaccinated with the Covid 19 vaccine!

<https://www.wmur.com/article/covid-19-vaccine-nh-town/37373063>

## Newington Fire & Rescue

And just like that September is over. Fall is upon us and the leaves will continue to come down at a steady pace. With that in mind, as a reminder, if you need a burn permit please feel free to swing by the station and get a permit. If needed, give us a call and we can come out to you. You are able to get them online but the state has increased the fee to \$5.50, all of which goes to the state and vendor. So just give us a call or swing by and we will take care of you.

Things continue to be busy at the FD. We have received great news recently that the towns ISO rating has increased (which is a good thing), from a 5/5X to a 4/4X effective December 1, 2021. The quick explanation of this is that ISO (International Organization for Standardization) assesses Towns and Cities every 5 years. The 4/4X is a "score" the town received, on a 1-10 scale with 1 being the best and 10 being the worst. ISO looks at all multiple aspects of the fire department such as, equipment, staffing, apparatus, response times and training. This rating is used by insurance companies as a piece of data that determines the rates for homeowners and business insurance. The larger percentage of the cost savings will be on the industrial, commercial and retail businesses in town. This is good news as it is another reason for businesses to move into Newington.

Department members, along with former Chief Darin Sabine's family members, attended a ceremony at the NH Fire Academy on September 25<sup>th</sup> as Darin's name was added to the states fallen firefighter memorial. It was a beautiful day to reminisce about the memories and stories of Darin growing up around the fire house.

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

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## Newington Fire & Rescue

As a reminder about burn permits:

Anyone who wishes to burn clean, ordinary combustibles such as leaves, brush or untreated lumber, or have a camp or cooking fire **MUST** have written permission from the landowner and a fire permit from the local forest fire warden or local fire department in the town or city where the fire will be kindled or you can obtain a permit online at <https://nhdfweb.sovsportsnet.net/> . The online option does have a \$5.50 state fee. You **MUST** be at least 18 years of age to obtain a written fire permit.

### Types of Burn Permits

#### **Category I Fire Permit**

Category I Fire Permit means a small controlled fire, such as a camp or cooking fire, not greater than 2 feet in diameter contained within a ring of fire resistive material or in a portable fireplace. The fire shall be at least 25 feet from any structure. A Category I fire, conditions permitting, may be kindled with a permit at any time of day whether raining or not.

#### **Category II Fire Permit**

Category II Fire Permit means a controlled fire, such as a camp or cooking fire, no greater than 4 feet in diameter contained within a ring of fire resistive material or in a portable fireplace. The fire shall be at least 50 feet from any structure. A category II fire permit, conditions permitting, may only be kindled with a permit between the hours of 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. unless it is actually raining.

#### **Category III Fire Permit**

Category III Fire Permit means any other fire, not a category I or II fire or a fire greater than 4 feet in diameter or a fire not contained within a ring of fire resistive material. The fire shall be at least 50 feet from any structure. A category III fire, conditions permitting, may only be kindled with a permit between the hours of 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. unless it is actually raining.

### What You Can Burn and When

- Only leaves, woody debris or brush less than 5 inches in diameter, or untreated wood and dimension lumber (subject to Env-A 1001.05(g) below) can be burned. For any open burning a written fire permit is required. Even with the permit, no open burning is allowed between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm unless it is raining.
- When the ground where you are burning is completely covered with snow no fire permit is required. However, we ask that you notify the Fire station prior to burning.
- The permittee will be required to have suppression equipment on site while the burning is being done and the fires will have to be totally extinguished or be constantly attended.
- Air quality regulations restrict the type of material burned in the open. Stumps, painted or treated lumber, tires, tubes, plastics, foam rubber and shingles are some of the prohibited materials (see Department of Environmental Services, Air Resources Division Open Burning Rules). Per Env-A 1001.05(g) "On-site burning, by the owner of a private, single-family residence occupied by the owner, of untreated wood, provided the material originates on site".

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**



Can you believe it is October already? I do love the fall, but the cooler weather means closing the pools, wrapping, or storing the boats, and putting on pants.

For the last four 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](https://www.cacnh.org/rockinghamcounty).

If interested in supporting your officers in their endeavor, please visit; <https://www.justgiving.com/team/newingtonpd> and donate. 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>

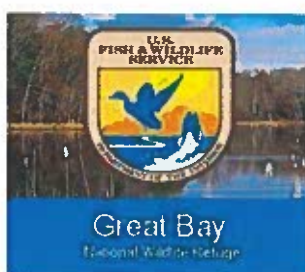


October 11 - October 17 in ONLY the following WMUs: D2, G, H1, H2, I1, I2, J1, J2, K, L, M	Fall turkey/shotgun (in certain WMUs only)
September - March	Small game and furbearers/dates vary by species and region
October 1 - December 31	Pheasant

October 16 - October 24, 2021	Moose (by permit only)
October 23 - 24, 2021	Youth deer-hunting weekend
October 31 - November 10, 2021	Deer/muzzleloader

November 10 - December 5, 2021	<u>Deer/regular firearms (closes one week early in WMU A)</u>
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**The Great Bay Wildlife refuge lottery hunt will be held between Saturday, November 13th and Sunday, November 14th.**

Statistics as of September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Motor vehicle stops	321	Summons/warnings issued
Accidents	3	Reports taken
Incidents/calls for service	38	Reports taken
Arrests	10	Felony/Misdemeanor offences
Field Interviews	0	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](mailto:mbilodeau@newingtonhpd.com)

Be safe and healthy!!

Chief Michael Bilodeau





Langdon Library Hours:

Monday and Tuesday, 12 PM to 8 PM

Wednesday 1 PM to 7 PM

Thursday and Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM

Saturday, 10 AM to 2 PM

***HOLIDAY CLOSING: SAT, OCT. 9 AND MON, OCT. 11***



*Monroe and his dad make a squish ball at the library's craft table at Septemberfest!*

Hello October in Newington!

We have some seasonal activities here at the library you should be sure to take advantage of. For the second year, we are holding a **kids coloring contest** in the month of October. We loved all the entries last year. Starting October 1, color a Halloween-themed picture and return it to the library for a chance to win a new book. The pictures may be found here: <https://www.langdonlibrary.org/kids-coloring-contest/> Categories include ages 4-7, 8-10, and 9-12. Entries will be displayed on the children's room window all month long. Also available this month, **Imagination Bags full of Halloween surprises** are available to pick up at the library for treats, supplies to make a silly ghost popper, and ideas for Halloween activities to do at home with family.

Our wonderful new **Teen Advisory Group** is launching a program called "Reading Buddies" matching teens 16 and up with kids in the community who would like to be read to. If you are a teen who would like to volunteer to read to Newington kids, please email [programs@langdonlibrary.org](mailto:programs@langdonlibrary.org) If you are a parent with a child who would like to be read to, email [programs@langdonlibrary.org](mailto:programs@langdonlibrary.org), or let us know at the desk. Note: mandatory background check required for volunteers for this program.

Adult book group continues, discussing *The Whisper Network* by Chandler Baker on Tuesday, October 12 at 6:30 PM and Friday, October 15 at 10:30 AM. The groups meet in the library programming room, socially distanced and masked. It's been great having us back together in person again!

The NH State Library released their 2020 public library statistics recently. I am gratified to share that even during the bizarre circumstances last year, we stacked up the same as always, second only to Portsmouth on the seacoast, and Jackson in our 700-900 population size. Newington also had **more per capita digital checkouts than \*any other seacoast library\*** and broke even with Jackson's. It was my goal, the moment the library closed, we should offer everything digitally that we usually did physically, and the numbers confirm we succeeded. I believe our efforts were more successful than other libraries' because of Newington's digital comfort level (I knew that many patrons were already using eReaders occasionally before the pandemic), my immediate purchase of Hoopla and extra titles of NH Downloadables items our patrons had on hold, Amanda's and my efforts publicizing what digital resources we provide, and Theresa's answers to literally 80 emails and more phone calls asking for library card numbers and login help to access those resources. Every year I am proud to work in Newington, with this community of library users and our excellent staff.

**The library is seeking to fill two substitute library assistant positions.** Most shifts will be 2 to 4 hours to fill gaps in coverage, during our open hours. Longer shifts are occasionally available during staff vacations. We especially need people who are available on short notice. Note that as in all service professions, staff shortages are prevalent right now and will sometimes mean the library may have to close on short notice. Becoming a library "sub" can help us remain open our full 42 hours a week. Please email [director@langdonlibrary.org](mailto:director@langdonlibrary.org) or let us know at the desk if you're interested!

See you at the library!

Lara, Theresa, Amanda and Deb

**PETER LOUGHLIN RECOGNITION**

**It was with sincere thanks the Board of Selectmen issued a proclamation to Peter for his over 30 years of service to the town as the Newington & Portsmouth Representative on the Pease Development Authority Board of Directors.**



**Ted Connors presented a proclamation to Peter at a reception in September**

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**HALLOWEEN!**

Trick or Treat will be held  
on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>  
from 5-7pm



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Hours of Operation: Town Offices - Mon - Fri. 9 - 4:30pm (436-7640)  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Tuesday through Thursday 9am-2pm  
Building Dept. - Mon - Thurs 6:30am- 4:30pm  
Planning Dept. - Monday & Thursday 9 - 4:30pm (Planner by appointment)  
Transfer Station: Wed 5 - 7pm, Sat 9 - 3pm  
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