



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
Jan Stuart, Chair
Mike Marconi
Timothy "Ted" Connors

The Town Offices will be closed on Monday,
January 15th in celebration of Martin Luther King
Jr./Civil Rights Day.

Upcoming Meetings:

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| <u>1/3/2018</u> | <u>Library Trustees- Library</u> | <u>1:30pm</u> |
| <u>1/3/2018</u> | <u>Economic Development Committee- Town Hall</u> | <u>6pm</u> |
| <u>1/3/2018</u> | <u>Budget Committee Town Hall</u> | <u>7pm</u> |
| <u>1/8/2018</u> | <u>Planning Board Town Hall</u> | <u>6:30pm</u> |
| <u>1/11/2017</u> | <u>Conservation Commission Town Hall</u> | <u>6:30pm</u> |
| <u>1/17/2018</u> | <u>Budget Committee- Town Hall</u> | <u>7pm</u> |
| <u>1/24/2018</u> | <u>Budget Committee- Town Hall</u> | <u>7pm</u> |

**Sign up to run for the following
offices: Jan. 24th- Feb. 2nd**

Selectman 1-3 year term
Town Clerk/Tax Coll. 1-3 year term
Moderator 1-2 year term
Fire Engineer 1- 3 yr term; 1- 1 yr term
Police Commissioner 1-3 year term
Trustee of Trust Funds 1-3 year term
Planning Bd 2 3yr terms; 1-1 year term
Budget Committee 3-3 year terms
Sewer Commission 1-1 year term
Checklist Supervisors 1- 5 year term
Library Trustee 2-3 year terms
Cemetery Trustee 1-3 year term
School Board 1-3 year term
School Moderator 1- 3 year term
School Treasurer 1- 3 year term
School Clerk 1-3 year term

Road Agent Message:

Woodbury Avenue: This spring the State will begin work on the improvements to the Woodbury Avenue corridor in preparation of turning the road over to the Town. The upgrades will include replacing the traffic signals with state-of-the-art integrated technology, resetting granite curbing, correcting the vertical alignment at Piscataqua Drive and Woodbury Avenue, and repaving the corridor from Fox Run Road to the Town line at Gosling Road.

In addition to the work completed by the State, the Town is incorporating additional roadway improvements into the project. Right turn slip lanes will be constructed into both Piscataqua Drive and into The Crossings which will ease traffic congestion. Portions of the Woodbury Avenue raised concrete median will be removed from Fox Run Road to Piscataqua Drive to provide vegetation. Piscataqua Drive will be reconstructed from the limits of the State to Shattuck Way.

Leonard Thomas, Road Agent

Economic Development:

The Selectmen recently applied for the State's Business Profits tax, short term, tax credit program available for eligible companies who create job(s) and invest in plant and equipment. The State approved Newington's application in December.

Recreation News

Greetings and Happy New Year from the Recreation Committee! We have set up the skating rink by the tennis courts for your enjoyment. After a couple of weather setbacks, things are looking good. Unlike last year there is plenty of cold weather ahead to keep the ice solid. We do ask that after use, please shovel the rink. We leave shovels in the warming hut for all to use- not shoveling will make for an unpleasant skating surface the next day as the "snow" will turn to ice and make a bumpy surface.

Our next meeting is January 16 at 7:00 in the town hall. We have proposed an increase in our budget for non-youth "Activities" and will be looking for ideas. We are always looking for new committee members to join our group.

Langdon Library News:

The Morning/ Evening Book Group resumes in January on Friday the 19th at 10:30 AM and Weds. the 24th at 6:30 PM. We are reading *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. Books are available to check out at the desk.

Congratulations to Wyatt Stone for being our first Newington resident to read 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten! Miss Amy and library trustee chair Jack O'Reilly presented him with a certificate, a special bag, and a book. We look forward to giving out more awards in the coming months. For information about the program and how you can participate check our webpage: <http://www.langdonlibrary.org/1000-books-before-kindergarten/>

We are looking for adult volunteers for the Friday, February 23 half day program here at the Langdon Library. Children from Newington Public School are invited to attend a special program from 12:30 - 3:00 on the Teacher In-service Day. Please contact Amy or Lara at the library if you are available to help on that day. Thank you!

Did you know that the Langdon Library offers "Makerplay" materials?

Makerplay refers to toys and games that help children learn coding, construction and other skills. Some materials such as Snap Circuits and LEGOS are available here all year long. Others are borrowed each month from the New Hampshire State Library. During the month of December, the library acquired Simple Machines and in January we will be showcasing Brain Flakes, an interlocking construction toy which teaches spatial thinking.

Friday Family Hour meets every Friday at 10:30 AM for children Pre-K and younger, and their caregivers.

Happy New Year from all of us at the Langdon Library! See you in 2018!

Lara

**Lara Croft
Library Director**

Message from the Police Chief:

The Newington Police Department is hoping everyone in town had a Very Merry Christmas. From what I heard from Old Saint Nick, all the kids and parents were good. This was also reflected and confirmed in our daily activity log!

With that being said, let's keep the ball rolling. New Year's Eve is upon us and with that brings Holiday Cheer and many parties. When out and about, please be courteous and use common sense. Law Enforcement will be out in force, actively searching for drivers under the influence of alcohol or drugs. If you see anyone on the road and you have your suspicions of their ability to drive safely,

please call 911 and report the driver to the jurisdiction you are in. If on the highway, notify the New Hampshire State Police.

Family and Friends. This is a responsibility of all of us to make sure we do not drink and drive. Plan ahead and use a designated driver, Uber, public transportation or a Taxi service. These options save embarrassment, financial headaches, serious injury and life. Yes. If caught drinking and driving, your family name will be placed in the local newspapers along with your photograph, so everyone will know who did not listen to my words of wisdom.

Not to be a Debbie Downer (Sorry if I offended any Debbie's) but those are the facts.

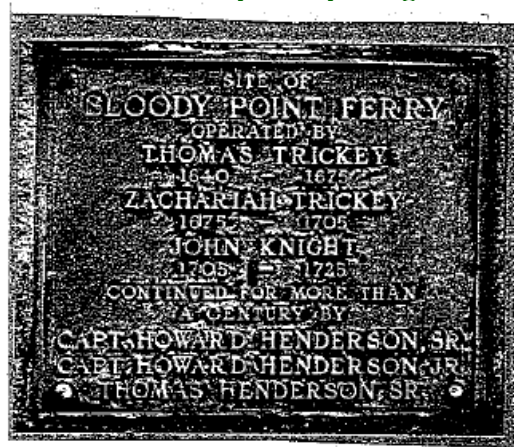
Please be SAFE and have a Happy New Year!!!!

Michael Bilodeau

Police Chief

NEWINGTON HISTORY MOMENT:

This plaque on a stone on Shattuck Way marks the site of the ferry which served as the only connection between Portsmouth, the Boston Post Road, Dover and the up-country settlements when the colony was young.



[The plaque states: Site of Bloody Point Ferry, Operated by Thomas Trickey 1640-1675, Zachariah Trickey 1675-1705, John Knight 1705-1725, Continued for more than a century by Capt. Howard Henderson, Sr., Capt. Howard Henderson, Jr., Thomas Henderson, Sr.]

This monument is located just past the Spaulding turnpike underpass (on the left) on Shattuck Way as you come from Nimble Hill Road.

Hours of Operation: Town Offices - Mon - Fri 9 - 4:30pm

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Tues 2 - 6pm, Wed and Thurs 9 - 1pm,

Building Dept. - Mon - Thurs 8 - 4pm,

Planning Dept. - Mon - Fri 9 - 4:30pm (Planner by appointment)

Langdon Library - Tues 3 - 8pm, Wed 12 - 7pm, Thurs 10 - 5pm, Fri 10 - 5pm, Sat 10 - 4pm,

Transfer Station Wed 5 - 7pm, Sat 9 - 3pm

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