



KENNEBUNKPORT Town Review

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Invasion of the EAB!

By the Shade Tree Committee

An Asian killer more deadly than Ninja warriors is advancing toward Kennebunkport. The Emerald Ash Borer, originally found in Asia, is a shiny, green insect that preys on ash trees, so valuable both in the landscape and for wood products. The Emerald Ash Borer, which has no natural predators in North America and has had devastating affects in the Midwest, is now as close to us as southern New Hampshire.

To kill ash trees, the adult Emerald Ash Borer lays its eggs on the bark of ash trees. When the eggs hatch, the larvae bore into the bark of the tree and make "galleries" under the bark, disrupting the flow of nutrients through the tree. The mature adult insect emerges by creating a D shaped hole, feeds on the leaves of the tree, and then

lays eggs on the bark, repeating the cycle. An infestation can kill a large ash tree in two to five years. Unfortunately, once the tree is showing signs of the ash borer's presence, it is too late to save the tree. Once it is dead, the tree weakens, with the threat of falling limbs becoming a hazard.

To combat the expected invasion of this destructive insect, Kennebunkport's Shade Tree Program has developed a plan to save the best ash trees in town as part of our splendid tree canopy. The Shade Tree Committee, working with Tree Warden Karen Schlegel and arborist Bob Palmer, have already targeted ash trees for removal which are not of great value. Once the insect has been identified within 15-20 miles of Kennebunkport, large, important trees will be treated with an insecticide injection to prevent infestation.



Fifth grader Jack Kudas getting an assist from classmates while tagging ash tree at Consolidated School during Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week.

This is a similar to the elm program which our town has run for the last 50 years, successfully

saving many of our large elms.

The Shade Tree Committee

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EAB Awareness program during Morning Meeting at Consolidated School.

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INVASIVE SPECIES

EMERALD ASH BORER



Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)

What to look for:

1. Large number of sprouts on lower trunk or dieback of crown
2. Creamy white larvae
3. S-shaped tunnels left by larvae beneath bark
4. D-shaped exit holes left by adult beetles






The Emerald Ash Borer is responsible for the death of tens of millions of ash trees in North America. Ash is an important shade tree in neighborhoods, a component of our forests, and a tree of commercial value. If EAB continues to spread, the impact could be devastating.

DON'T MOVE FIREWOOD!
When you transport firewood, you could be spreading invasive forest pests

If you have any questions or wish to report a possible EAB infestation, please call
Kennebunkport Tree Warden, Karen Schlegel at 207-229-8927 or
Suzanne Stohlman, Chairman of the Kennebunkport Shade Tree Committee at 207-967-4745
For additional info on EAB go to: www.maine.gov/eab

FMI - www.kennebunkportme.gov. Select "Appointed Boards" and "Shade Tree Committee."

Question 1 on November ballot

By Laurie A. Smith, Town Manager

Question 1 asks voters to adopt amendments to the Circuit Breaker Ordinance that will reinstate our local property tax assistance program. The state of Maine made changes to the longstanding Property Tax and Rent Refund "Circuit Breaker" Program by making it a tax credit versus a refund of tax payments. When the change occurred at the state level, they inadvertently deleted the municipal program. This has since been corrected and now the town must adopt a new program in compliance with state law. The amendments will require residents to submit a form that will be sent to the state to confirm that they are eligible for the credit. The town will match up to \$500 of the credit; however, if the number of applicants exceed the amount we have budgeted, we can distribute the funds on a prorated basis to ensure we do not exceed the funds available. Currently, the town has \$20,000 in a reserve account from fiscal year 2013, which has not been spent. If approved by voters, the new program will take effect after the April 15 tax date.

Plumbing License Ordinance housekeeping

By Werner Gilliam,
Director of Planning and Development

Question 2 on the November ballot asks voters to repeal the Kennebunkport Plumbing License Ordinance. Many of you may be wondering why the town is asking voters to remove this ordinance. Hopefully, this article will better inform you, the voters, as to the need for this ballot question.

The title of this ordinance is a bit misleading because it actually has very little to do with what most folks think of as plumbing or even a plumbing license. The town adopted the Plumbing License Ordinance on March 25, 1995. This ordinance was written in an attempt to regulate two items specific to subsurface waste systems (septic systems). These two items are soil limiting factors and variances.

At the time, changes in the performance standards for septic systems were being proposed by the State of Maine specifically lowering the minimum depth of a system to a sites limiting factor. That limiting factor may be ledge, groundwater, hardpan, etc. The ordinance kept the old standard of 15" for a short period of time which allowed the Growth Planning Committee to research the potential implications and report back to the Selectmen. Based on a review of Selectmen agendas and minutes from that time frame, that report never occurred. This particular part of the ordinance also had a sunset date of March 31, 1996, rendering this part of the ordinance invalid for the past 18 years.

The second item dealt with the review and issuance of variances. Historically in the early 90s, the state rules required some legislative board to review variances. In many cases, that was delegated to the Board of Selectmen. From a practical perspective, most boards looked to the local plumbing inspector for advice on the variance and typically followed that advice. The state found it appropriate to remove that requirement and place certain variances in the hands of the local plumbing inspector, while more complex requests require a review by the Department of Health and Human Services. Variance requests are typically seen with replacement systems, particularly when dealing with small nonconforming lots. These requests are given a higher level of review in order to ensure that the proposed system will function safely and properly without posing any health or environmental risks.

This ordinance should have been removed back when the state subsurface waste rules removed variance reviews from the Board of Selectmen and put them in the authority of the local plumbing inspector. A review of Selectmen agendas from 1995 to the present revealed that in the almost 20 years since this ordinance had been put into place, only one application was ever brought to the Selectmen.

TOWN OF KENNEBUNKPORT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING November 4, 2014

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

To the voters of Kennebunkport: You are hereby notified that a **Special Town Meeting** of this municipality will be held at the **Village Fire Station, 32 North Street, in said Town on Tuesday, the 4th day of November, AD 2014, at 8:00 a.m.** for the purpose of acting on Article 1 and 1a (Referendum Questions 1-3) as set forth in the Town Warrant. The polls for voting on Questions 1 through 3 shall be opened immediately after the election of the Moderator at 8:00 a.m. on November 4, 2014, and shall close at 8:00 p.m.

The Referendum Questions to be voted on relate to:

1. Amendment to the Kennebunkport Property Tax Assistance Ordinance.
2. Repeal of the Kennebunkport Plumbing License Ordinance.
3. Government Wharf Dredge and Retaining Wall Construction.

The Registrar of Voters will hold office hours while the polls are open to correct any error or change a name or address on the voting list, to accept the registration of any person eligible to vote, and to accept new enrollments.

An attested copy of the Town Warrant is posted at the United States Post Office, Temple Street; Atlantic Hall, Main Street, Cape Porpoise; Louis T. Graves Memorial Library, Maine Street; Goose Rocks Beach Fire Company, Winter Harbor Road; and at the Town Offices, 6 Elm Street.

Complete Ordinance amendment language is available from the Town Clerk or on the Town's website (www.kennebunkportme.gov).

April Dufoe, Town Clerk

Absentee voting for November 4, 2014

By April Dufoe, Town Clerk

Absentee ballots are now available at the Kennebunkport Town Clerk's Office for the upcoming state election and Special Town Meeting election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, at the Village Fire Station, 32 North Street in Kennebunkport. If you have any questions about absentee voting or about this election, please call the Town Clerk at 967-1610.

Register of Voters holds special hours for absentee voting

By April Dufoe, Town Clerk

The Kennebunkport Town Clerk/Registrar of Voters will hold special hours to conduct absentee voting, to register any person eligible to vote, and to accept any enrollment/address changes at the following locations:

Saturday, October 25, from 10 AM to 2 PM, at the Village Fire Station, 32 North Street

Wednesday, October 29, from 4:30 to 6:30 PM, at the Kennebunkport Town Hall, 6 Elm Street

Reminder

By April Dufoe, Town Clerk

The last day to request a "no excuse" Absentee Ballot for this election is Thursday, October 30, 2014, by 4:30 PM.

Question 3 on November ballot

By Raymond Billings, Kennebunk River Harbormaster

Question 3 on the November ballot asks voters to appropriate money from the undesignated fund balance account to dredge Government Wharf and to construct a retaining wall to protect the dredged area. I would like to bring attention to the current condition of the public docks at Government Wharf on the Kennebunk River.

Over approximately the last 30 years or so, the sand and sediments have significantly filled in the southern end of the docks, and is now prohibiting the dockage that accommodate both recreational and commercial boat tie ups.

About 20 years ago, one of the 16 foot sections of docks at the southern end had to be removed due to the constant grounding out on low tide, and due to safety issues of a boat also being grounded. Originally when the public docks were placed, there was four, 16 foot dock sections totaling 64 feet of deep water tie up area. Today with the lack of the missing dock, and combined with the advancing shifting sands filling in from the nearby beach, now only one section of dock can be used. At this rate of shoaling, except on a high tide, we are in jeopardy of complete loss of the public docks at Government Wharf in the very near future.

For the 2015 winter, the town has an opportunity to hire a dredging company that is doing other dredging work for private marinas in the Kennebunk River. While using this company at this time, the town can save a significant amount of money by the means of cost sharing of all the dredge expenses involved. Currently, there are six other property owners along the river who are also interested in dredging during the winter of 2014-15. Should the town partner with the other properties, it could drastically reduce our costs. The estimate for dredging alone is between \$34k and \$66k if done as a group of 7. Should the town choose to undertake the project individually, it would cost between \$92k and \$174k.

Due to the very large amount of sand that has filled in on these public docks, the town's consultant has highly recommended that a sheet pile retaining wall be placed to stop the sands from washing into the dredged area. The consultant has stated that without the retaining wall, the dredging project is wasted money. The cost for the seawall is estimated at \$100,000. While



Government Wharf

this is a significant cost to the project, this new wall will greatly reduce the need for future dredging in the short term, and help stabilize the loose sand from the beach area.

The ballot question requests authorization to spend up to \$200,000. Depending upon the number of properties dredged during this project, our costs could be only \$130,000. The Selectmen are requesting authority to expend up to \$200,000 as the number of properties who will participate has not been confirmed at this time. The Selectmen will only expend the funds necessary to complete the project.

I cannot stress enough how much this dredging is needed, and please note this is the only public dock and landing on the entire Kennebunk River. The completed project will include the replacement missing dock, and signage will be installed so the public will be aware it is for all to use for temporary tie ups only.

During a Kennebunkport Board of Selectman's meeting in August, a unanimous vote was taken for this project, as well as a unanimous vote by the Kennebunk River Committee. As a Kennebunkport taxpayer, please vote "yes" for this project to move forward, to keep this valuable asset to the town functioning as it was intended.

Thank you for your support.

Kennebunkport receives CAFR award

By Laurie A. Smith, Town Manager

The town was pleased to receive word in June that we had been awarded the Government Finance Officer Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAFR). The GFOA established the CAFR Program

in 1945 to encourage and assist state and local governments to go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles to prepare comprehensive annual financial reports that evidence the spirit of transparency and full disclosure, and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal. Reports submitted to the CAFR program are reviewed by selected members of the GFOA professional staff and the GFOA Special Review Committee (SRC), which comprises individuals with expertise in public-sector financial reporting and includes financial statement preparers, independent auditors, academics, and other finance professionals. It is very unusual to receive the report after your first application. The success we experienced speaks volumes about the knowledge and expertise of our Treasurer Jennifer Lord.



Jennifer Lord holding the CAFR award.



Snowbirds

By Craig Sanford,
Police Chief
and Maureen Towne,
Dispatcher

What is a snowbird? Webster's definition is "one who goes south for the winter." All the lucky snowbirds fly south for the winter. Although many of us wish we could up and fly away with you only to bask in the warmth and sunshine, our job is to stay here in the cold Maine winter.

But, before you leave, please come to the police station and fill out our Vacant Property Watch form. A communications specialist will assist you with filling out the form and answer any questions you may have. The information is then given

See SNOWBIRDS page 8

Fire engines #23 old and #23 new

By James M. Stockman, President Wildwood Volunteer Fire Company

The new #23

The Kennebunkport Fire Department (KPF) is proud to announce that our new Engine #23, to be housed at the Wildes District Fire Station, is now in service. This truck was purchased by the town from the fire reserve equipment fund. Since the truck had to go out for public bid, a volunteer committee was formed to develop a set of specifications.

The successful bidder was Ferrara Fire Equipment of Holden, Louisiana, just outside of New Orleans. The truck was ordered and completed at the end of June and driven north from Louisiana in early July. We did not place the truck in service until August 3, 2014.

The members of the department are busy learning how to use this 21st century fire apparatus. The truck meets all of the standards for this type of equipment. The final cost for the truck was \$391,000.00.

The old #23

What happens to a fire truck that is no longer needed? It is sold.

A little history, the old #23 was purchased by the Wildwood Volunteer Company, Inc. in 1989 using the Kittredge fire equipment fund. The Company wanted a state-of-the-art truck and picked the Hahn Fire Truck Company in Pennsylvania. Since the Company had cash, the Pumper valued at \$250,000.00 was purchased for around \$189,000.00.

At town meeting in June of 2014, the town voted to return the old truck #23 to the Wildwood Volunteer Fire Company to be sold. For sale notices were sent to fire truck brokers, newsletters, and other publications advertising used equipment. We were advised that the truck had a value of \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00. It was through our listing in the Maine Municipal Association (MMA) that the town of Reed Plantation in Southernmost Aroostook County contacted us about purchasing the truck. After sending statistics and photos of the truck, two members of the

New Engine #23 has been assigned to District 2 and is housed at Wildes District Fire Station. Photo shows truck before our equipment was installed.



Reed Plantation Volunteer Fire Department came down before Labor Day to look the truck over. The town of Reed Plantation and the Reed Plantation Volunteer Fire Company offered \$10,000.00. To help them out, the members of the Wildwood Volunteer Fire Company and many members of the KPF voted on a reduction of the price to \$7,500.00. That savings was well received by the town and volunteer fire department, which will add other equipment.

A short bit of background information on the town of Reed Plantation, provided by Captain Steve Waite of the Reed Plantation Volunteer Fire Department.

“Reed Plantation is a very small town and has been decreasing in number as each year goes by. Yet, there has been a few who have bought houses and are looking for a “slower pace” in life and have come to be a part of our community. We have about 140 for a population. We are a woods town and have depended a lot on the woods industry for many years. We have a lot of retired men and women living in our town. Our community has one saw mill and one trucking company hauling tree length wood and whole tree chips. Our fire department is a small department as well with just a few members with a desire to see others become a part of us. Our department is responsible for approximately 90 square miles of forest fire protection as well as being responsible for two other neighboring communities for structure fire protection. The addition of the ‘89 Hahn pumper has been the answer to our problem of having sufficient equipment to cover our wide area of responsibility.”

The firehouse is located in the town of Wytopotlock on Route 171. The Mattawamkeag River runs through the town. The closest diesel fuel is 17 miles away. You can see more photos of their new truck on their facebook

The vital statistics for the truck are:

- 1,250 (GPM Gallons/minute) Single Stage Pump
- 1,000 gallon tank
- 30 gallons of foam
- 6 passenger cab (air conditioned and heated)
- Body and Cab constructed of marine grade aluminum
- 300 HP Cummings Engine
- Rear Hose Capacity
 - 2,000’ of 4” diameter hose
 - 600’ of 2-1/2” diameter hose
 - 400’ of 1-3/4” diameter hose
- 3 – Cross Lays
- 2 = 200’ of 1-3/4” diameter hose
- 1 = 200’ of 2-1/2” diameter hose
- Ladders
 - 24’-0” extension Ladder
 - 14’-0” roof Ladder
 - 10’-0” folding ladder

page “Where in the world is Wytopotlock.”

On September 5, Chief Fred Moody and Captain Steve Waite came down and bought our truck and drove it north. Before they left, Chief Allan Moir and District Chief James Burrows loaded the truck up with some surplus equipment that we had in storage. The Reed Plantation Fire Department was grateful for the used, but very serviceable equipment.

The \$7,500.00 proceeds have been placed into the Wildes District Fire Department Kittredge account for the time when there will be enough money to purchase a new piece of equipment.

The members of the Wildwood Volunteer Fire Company and the Kennebunkport Fire Department are all thrilled that the truck will remain in Maine and continue to be a frontline piece.



L-R: Captain Steve Waite of Reed Plantation Volunteer Fire Company; James M. Stockman, President of Wildwood Volunteer Fire Company; Chief Fred Moody, Reed Plantation Volunteer Fire Department; and Chief Allan Moir of Kennebunkport Fire Department. Photo taken at Wildes District Fire Station.



The Old Engine #23 fits in the fire station.

The vital statistics for the truck are:

- 1,500 GPM pump
- 750 gallon tank
- 2 passenger cab
- 4 passengers under a canopy
- Stainless Steel
- 350 HP Detroit Engine

Cape Porpoise oil spill

By Dick Stedman, Fire Administrator

Kennebunkport Fire Department members are trained and equipped to respond to many types of emergencies. Most of the time, our emergency calls consist of fires of various types, motor vehicle accidents, and rescue situations on land or water. Occasionally, we are called to deal with environmental emergencies or hazardous materials situations.

Such was the case on August 31, the Sunday of this past Labor Day weekend, when 20 Kennebunkport firefighters responded to a reported oil spill in Cape Porpoise harbor. The first arriving units observed an oily sheen on the water in the cove located adjacent to the pier and parking area. Closer investigation revealed greater concentrations of oil in the rocks along the shore of the cove and in seaweed just offshore.

A call went out for our supply of oil containment boom to be brought to the scene. The fire department maintains several hundred feet of this special boom material for potential use in oil spills along our part of the coast. Firefighters utilized one of our rescue boats to deploy approximately 600' of boom across the cove, preventing the spread of the oil to the rest of the harbor. This prompt action prevented the oil from affecting areas of the harbor that may be used for clamming and lobster fishing.

Response personnel from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection and the US Coast Guard arrived on scene to organize the clean-up efforts and investigate the source of the spill. They contracted with the Clean Harbors environmental company to per-



Kennebunkport firefighter Gerry Dworkin and Captain Jamie Houtz place oil containment boom in the water along the Cape Porpoise Pier in an attempt to confine the Labor Day Weekend oil spill.

form the removal of the oil from the cove area, an effort which was completed by Wednesday of the following week.

While the cause of the spill was under investigation, it appeared likely to have resulted from motor oil that spilled from a boat.

BALANCE

The quest of life

By Craig Sanford, Police Chief

I was recently speaking with a citizen and the topic of balance came up. I was asked "how do you balance work as a police officer with family life?" I must admit this was the first time I had been asked such a question. The topic is discussed in the police academy and in supervisory training but not really thought of after. I am of the opinion that each of us no matter the person or profession struggle to balance all aspects of life. I politely told the person it is a challenge, but I always seem to do alright.

I really thought about balancing work and life later on that day. At work, a police officer must balance common sense and safety in every call for service. Officers are trained to understand the laws of our nation, state, and ordinances of the community they work in. They must then balance their application fairly to all and take appropriate action. Usually, these decisions are made within seconds involving large amounts of information being thrown at them quickly. Some of these interactions involve violence, and officers must balance the appropriate response option to best deal with the threat facing them.

I then looked at family life. I confess I have not always been the best at this part. Earlier in my career, work was always at the top and unfortunately, I feel my wife and children suffered for my dedication. I have made great strides to be a better husband and father. I also pass on my mistakes to the people I work with so they are better at what they do.

I want all of the citizens to know that we work hard to find balance when serving you. Sometimes those calls or concerns just cannot be resolved similar to life itself. However, we hear you when you call us no matter the reason, and we strive to help.



Time to register your dog

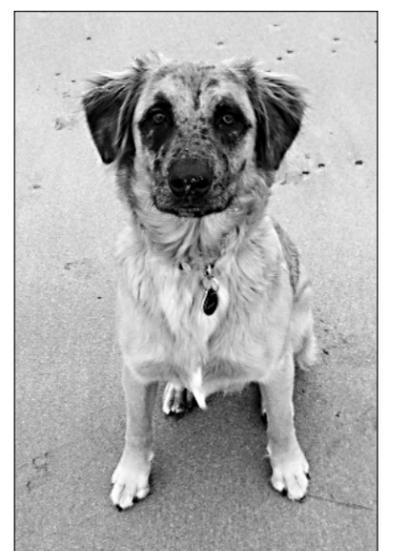
By April Dufoe, Town Clerk

It's that time of year again! Time to renew your dog's license. According to the laws of the state of Maine, a dog may not be kept anywhere within the limits of the state unless the dog has been licensed. An owner of a dog that is 6 months of age or older and kept in town must obtain the license from the Town Clerk between **October 15 and December 31 each year**. The fee to license your dog is \$11.00 if the dog is capable of producing young, or \$6.00 if the dog has been spayed or neutered.

When you come to the town office to license your dog, you must bring proof that a veterinarian has immunized the dog against rabies. Also, if you are licensing the dog for the first time and the dog has been spayed or neutered, you must bring with you the dog's Certificate of Neutering that was provided by the veterinarian after the surgery.

If you apply for the dog's license after January 31, a late fee of \$25.00, in addition to the annual license fee, will be charged.

So, don't wait until the last minute. Come early (**anytime after October 15**) and avoid waiting in line. The Town Clerk's hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM-4:30 PM. You can also license your dog by mail if that is more convenient for you. If you have any questions, please call April Dufoe, Town Clerk at 967-4243 ext. 110.



Henry Williamson

Kennebunkport Public Health

By Judy Barrett R.N., B.S.

Healthy Maine Beach program:

The Kennebunkport Healthy Maine Beach team had a busy summer. This is the first year that a precautionary advisory has been posted for both Goose Rocks and Colony Beach. This advisory is automatically posted after a heavy rainfall event of over one inch of rain in 24 hours. The advisory is lifted after 24 hours. At that time, it is felt that the two tidal cycles have cleared the river runoff of bacteria from inland. Needless to say, research is still being conducted to determine if this will be a sufficient amount of time to insure safe water contact.



We had four precautionary advisories in place at both Goose Rocks and Colony beaches. Three regular advisories were posted. The highest reading at Goose Rocks was on July 30, with 455 at the mouth of the Batson River. The highest reading at Colony was 752 on August 12. EPA sets 104 enterococci bacteria in a teaspoon of water as the maximum limit for safe water contact.

I would like to thank the dedicated volunteers: Linda and Steve Hanna, Paul Hogan, Bob Osthues, Lindy Welsh, and Lee McCurdy. Every Tuesday morning at 7:30 AM, the team collected the required data and water samples. If we had an elevated sample, a retest was conducted. Without the help of these volunteers, this program would not be in place.

Well Water testing program:

On May 17, the Public Health Department sponsored our fourth TEST YOUR WELL WATER DAY. Nelson Analytical laboratory, Route One, Kennebunk provided the test kits for free as well as offered reduced rates for Kennebunkport residents. Over 1,000 households in Kennebunkport have well water. We will be offering the next Test Your Well Water Day in the spring. Dug wells should be tested yearly, artesian well every three years.



Septic tanks:

Do you know when your septic tank was last pumped? As part of your fall winter preparations, have your septic system checked. This is an easy, quick, preventative task which can save you money and protect our watershed. A failed septic system is not something a household wants to face much less than when it is buried under four feet of snow.

Stuff the Backpack:

A special thank you to the Kennebunkport Health Council, South Church Outreach, Portside Rotary and all the residents who helped us reach our goal of purchasing and filling 25 backpacks for Kennebunkport students. We were able to help 17 Consolidated and 12 Middle School students start the school year ready to learn.

Stuff the Bus:

Requests for food assistance from the Community Outreach Food Pantry continue to be high.



As the weather gets colder, the number of requests will increase. On November 4, Election Day, the Kennebunkport Health Council will again sponsor Stuff the Bus. Please bring nonperishable food or household/personal care items with you to the polls. Help us fill the food pantry shelves. Yes, we do accept cash donations. All checks are to be made out to Community Outreach Services. Cash donations are used to purchase food from the Good Shepherd Food Pantry. Anyone in need of food assistance is encouraged to contact the Public Health Department at 967-4401.

Fuel assistance:

Have you signed up for the LOW INCOME FUEL ASSISTANCE



PROGRAM yet? If you are in need of help to meet your winter heating expenses, please contact York County Community Action, 1-800-965-5762, today for an appointment. Kennebunkport residents are fortunate to have the Kennebunkport Emergency Fuel Program. Remember, this is an emergency only program. This program is not intended to cover your entire winter heating needs. Residents are responsible for monitoring the level of fuel in their tanks and notifying the General Assistance Administrator in a timely manner. It is not automatically an emergency if you run out.

Now is the time to have your heating source cleaned and serviced. Please have your technician check the status of your oil tank. It is much less expensive to replace a tank than to cover the EPA approved cost of site cleanup from a leak.

Secret Santa:

The holidays are coming up. Please contact the Public Health Department for a Secret Santa application if you are in need of some help meeting your child's special wish list. Applications are to be completed by parents or legal guardians only. The child must reside in Arundel, Kennebunk, or Kennebunkport in order to qualify for this program. The number of requests continues to increase. Secret Santa's goal is that every child in our tri-town area has a special holiday.



Holiday dinners:

And speaking of the holidays, Community Harvest volunteers are again providing holiday dinners for families that need a little extra help. In addition to holiday food baskets, the volunteers are also offering a free community dinner on



Thanksgiving and Christmas at Saint Martha's Church, Route One, Kennebunk. Please contact the Public Health Department if you wish to sign up for these programs or to volunteer.

Flu and Pneumonia vaccine program:

It is not too late to have your flu and pneumonia shots. We still have vaccine.



Visit the nurses during our office hours Monday-Friday, 8-9:30 AM and 1-2 PM. We are following the most current flu immunization guidelines. For the best protection in the 2014-2015 flu season, those under 65 should receive the Quadrivalent (4 strain) vaccine. Those over 65 receive the High Dose Trivalent (3 strain) vaccine. The reasoning is that the older population has built an immunity over the years. Records show that the younger population need is not being met with the traditional flu vaccine. Medicare covers the costs for flu vaccine.

Meningococcal immunizations:

Parents, has your child 16-18 years old received their meningococcal vaccine booster? CDC records show that only 30% of adolescents in this age group have received the recommended booster dose. Interestingly, 70% of adolescents received the initial dose at the age of 11-12. The 16-18 age group is traditionally starting their busy and social new lives either at college or on their own. Most have left the medical care of their pediatrician or family provider. They do not seek out immunizations, nor are they aware of their immunization status. Mom and dad always handled that. At this time in their lives, they are at an increased risk of contracting this deadly disease because the primary vaccine dose is waning. A major Public Health goal is to increase awareness that this potentially life threatening disease is easily prevented by receiving the meningococcal vaccine. We are joining Sanofi Pasteur and the National Association of School Nurses through the Voices of Meningitis Campaign to increase awareness of this lifesaving vaccine preventable immunization program.

Home medical equipment loan closet:

Are you in need of a walker, wheelchair, cane or commode?



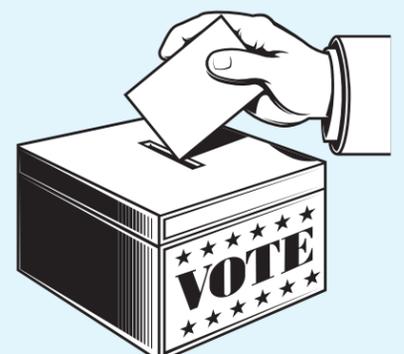
Visit our FREE durable medical equipment closet.

Public Health Nursing/Health Officer/Social Services:

Residents are reminded that there is an on call R.N. working seven days a week. Yes, we do work on weekends and holidays. Contact the Public Health Office-967-4401, with any nursing, health officer complaints or social service needs.

REMINDER

The last day to request an absentee ballot for the upcoming election is Thursday, October 30, 2014



Working together—another successful summer

By the Beach Advisory Committee

Thanks to good weather and guided by a two-year-old Beach Use Agreement (BUA), property owners and visitors alike have enjoyed the summer season at Goose Rocks Beach (GRB) while preserving cherished traditions like taking families, friends, and dogs for long walks, listening to soft breaking waves, and ending the day with fires on the beach under clear bright star-filled skies.

The Goose Rocks Beach neighborhood's contract with the town is founded on a common sense principle: good neighbors, working together, make the community stronger. The transition has not been without its challenges, and the demands on the beach and the Goose Rocks neighborhood have been many:

- Protecting endangered species on the beach.
- Shifting sands and protection of shorelines.
- Traffic congestion and scarce parking for day visitors, owners, and renters.
- New renters arriving weekly.
- Children learning to ride their bikes safely on crowded streets.
- Balancing private property rights with public beach access.

The Beach Advisory Committee (BAC) was created by the BUA and has eight elected representatives: four beachfront owners, two back lot owners, and three members from the town including the Town Manager, a representative from the Board of Selectmen, and a member at-large. The Committee's efforts focus on meeting the beach demands through increased education, communication, and participation with residents and owners, as well as Chief Sanford and his public safety staff. Professional and diligent work by all created a unique and sensible approach to complex issues related to the enforcement of the BUA and beach use guidelines.

A few additional spring/summer items are worthy of special note. Enforcement of a long-standing Dog Leash Ordinance presented a unique challenge, which was not welcomed by some dog lovers, but was accepted by most as a practical solution to the real threat to Piping Plovers, Red Knots, and Lease Terns. Ultimately, the increased efforts by beach users contributed to a successful year for these endangered species. The BAC will continue to work with the town to consider potential refinements of this ordinance.

The research and recommendation of a BAC parking and safety subcommittee resulted in the installation of a new stop sign at a dangerous intersection at Proctor and Wildwood. Improved signage along Community House Road was installed in an effort to make walking and biking safer on this often travelled path to the Community House. In response to speeding concerns, Chief Sanford presented new traffic data, which concluded there was not widespread speeding on Wildwood or New Biddeford Roads, contrary to public perception.

Additionally, a Natural Resources subcommittee was created with the mission to focus on public education and protection of many aspects of beach life including birds of protected species, dune grass, ocean life, and pollution avoidance.

The BAC continues to be committed to responsive, open and transparent communication with the Goose Rocks Beach community. To that end, two "off-site" summer meetings were held close to GRB. The July meeting at the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust featured speakers highlighting the public's impact on ocean water quality. In August, another fully attended meeting listened to FEMA and flood insurance experts on changes and appeals to the flood maps and the national flood insurance program. The summer meetings foster



many suggestions and comments from the public, which are constructive in the establishment of future focus for the BAC.

This fall, the BAC is considering on and off beach issues such as improved traffic safety, preservation of dunes and grassy areas, use of public and private rights of way, and possible changes to the off-season leash law as it applies to Goose Rocks Beach. With the help of the Committee, Town Manager Laurie Smith will be building a standard operating calendar for beach use procedures that will enhance both consistency and communication.

More detailed information about both the BUA and the Beach Use Ordinance (BUO) are available on the Town's website (www.kennebunkportme.gov) Click on "Appointed Boards," then "Beach Advisory Committee" to view all documents, including minutes of BAC meetings. The meetings are available live on Channel 2 or online (look for the online meetings' tab) on the town's website. Meetings are also archived on the website for future use.

Your communication with the Beach Advisory Committee is encouraged. Comments and suggestions may be sent to grb_advisory@gmail.com. This site is useful for submission of comments/questions during the live meetings and may also be used to make a request to join the mailing list for a bi-yearly e-newsletter.

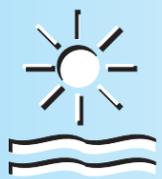
Our #1 job is to listen!

Town holidays observed

(Town offices closed)

New Year's Day
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Washington's Birthday/
Presidents' Day
Patriots' Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Columbus Day
Veterans' Day
Thanksgiving Day
Thanksgiving Friday
Christmas

Kennebunkport Parks and Recreation



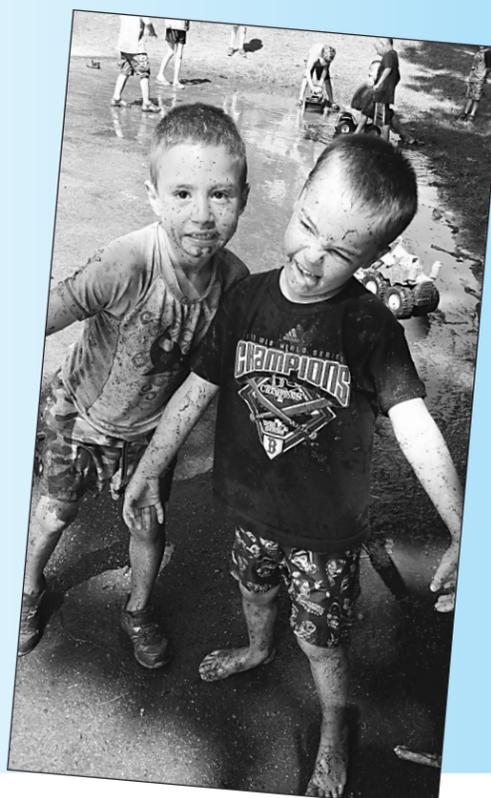
DAY CAMP

The Kennebunkport Summer Day camp was displaced to the Sea Road Church in Kennebunk. What an incredibly crazy, wonderful summer we had!



L-R: Levi Giles, Brianna Auld, Christopher Delage, and Shepard McCall

Caleb Aureimma and Christopher Delage



Completed highway department projects



Kevin Paradis of the Kennebunkport Public Works stands in front of a boulder removed from Clover Leaf Farm Road during our road reconstruction project. Clover leaf Farm Road had not

been worked on for many years. This road is what remains of old Route 9 before the days of long, straight highways. The boulder shown in the picture was left in the ground and paved over. Public Works reconstructed the road with new geotextile fabric for protection from frost heaves and reused excess reclaimed base material from the S-Brook Maine Street project. We expect the new road to be easily maintained and long lasting for the town.

Kennebunkport Public Works installed new granite curb and constructed the sidewalk on Maine and Union Streets as part of the S-Brook Drainage Relocation Project. The project involved coordination with the Wastewater Department; Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, & Wells Water District; and private contractors with the support of local tax dollars and MaineDOT funding. This major project will be completed in October. Public Works would like to thank everyone in town for their patience and support during this project.



Dayton Sand and Gravel Shim paved Ocean Avenue this summer as many enjoyed a smooth ride

around the avenue while enjoying the ocean views. Public Works continued our paved shoulder preparation work further down Ocean Avenue with plans to widen that section of road for pedestrians and cyclists next year.

Kennebunkport Public Works Foreman Eric Smith, installs a new cross culvert and drainage improvements at Woodlawn Avenue prior to upcoming paving work. Improved drainage work will help extend the lifecycle of new paving.



EAB invasion

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planned an Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week October 3-10, 2014, to alert the public to the threat of these insects and to recognize the tagged ash trees, which we currently have in our townscape. Several prominent ash trees were festooned with purple ribbons to call attention to what ash trees look like and to encourage further inquiry into the problems facing our ash trees.

We can all help prevent the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer in our community by:

1. Not transporting firewood since the borer can travel long distances in infected wood.
2. Knowing the health of your own trees.
3. Becoming educated about EAB by visiting www.maine.gov/eab or www.emeraldashborer.info or www.stopthebeetle.info.
4. Spreading the word to neighbors and friends so we can work together to protect our canopy.
5. Contacting the Tree Warden, Karen Schlegel at 229-8927, if you spot signs of EAB.

Our past success fighting Dutch Elm disease is proof that through education and a comprehensive management plan we can protect the trees of our state, region and Kennebunkport.

Snowbirds

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to the patrol officers who will check on your property throughout the winter as calls for service and duties allow. If we discover something unusual during a property check, the Vacant Property Form will be used to contact the appropriate individual to resolve the issue.

As a reminder, make sure all doors and windows are locked and the alarm set. Any appliances that are not needed should be unplugged and water sources shut off. Secure or remove valuables and dispose of unused medications. The police station has a drop box for proper disposal of unused medications and can be accessed 24 hours a day in the lobby.

When you return in the spring, stop at the PD and let us know you are back. We can then stop the checks and avoid scaring you some night as we walk the property! Enjoy your winter and think of us as we struggle with Ol' Man Winter and Jack Frost.



- Reduce
- Reuse
- Recycle

Upcoming Events

- November 2, 2014,** Daylight Saving time ends. Move clock backward one hour.
- November 4, 2014,** 8 AM-8 PM - Election Day
- November 11, 2014,** Veterans' Day - Town Offices closed
- November 27, 2014,** Thanksgiving - Town Offices closed
- November 28, 2014,** Town Offices closed for Thanksgiving holiday
- Christmas Prelude** (Check www.christmasprelude.com for more events)
- December 5, 2014,** 5:30 PM - Tree Lighting Ceremony
7:00 PM - Cape Porpoise Lobster Trap Tree Lighting
- December 6, 2014,** 3:00 PM - Ninth Annual Hat Parade
6:30 PM - Candlelight Caroling hosted by the Franciscan Monastery
- December 7, 2014,** 2:00 PM - Santa Arrives by Lobster Boat at David's KPT/Boathouse
- December 12, 2014,** 5:30 PM - Tree Lighting Ceremony in Dock Square
6:15 PM - Fourth Annual Christmas Fireworks Display
- December 13, 2014,** 4:30 PM - The Walk to Bethlehem
- December 14, 2014,** 11:00 AM - Fourth Annual Pooch Parade
2:00 PM - Santa Arrives by Fire Engine in Cape Porpoise Square
- December 25, 2014,** Christmas - Town Offices closed.