



KENNEBUNKPORT Town Review

A newsletter for the residents of Kennebunkport

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FEMA floodplain mapping continues

By Werner Gilliam, Director of Planning and Development

Kennebunkport along with many other coastal communities in New England has been engaged with FEMA in the remapping process of coastal and inland floodplains since 2009.

In November of 2013, FEMA introduced new preliminary flood maps. In these revised maps we see a number of significant changes. In the estuaries behind the open coast such as the marsh areas on the inland side of Goose Rocks Beach where wave run up is minimal, wave setup is being carried on top of the surge elevation at a level equal to the open coast level. This was not the case in FEMA's own 2009 maps, but is the case with the 2013 Preliminary Maps. As an example, the flood elevations in the Scarborough marsh area are as much as 6 feet higher in the 2013 maps west of

Winnocks Neck than shown on the 2009 map. These calculated effects are the engineered response of attempting to replicate the destruction that was brought about by Hurricane Sandy.

With an odd twist of irony, the 2013 maps were never put into play with the initiation of the municipal appeal period. This was due to an appeal in Scituate, Massachusetts that resulted in FEMA not accepting methods that had previously been accepted in coastal Maine. Since then, a decision has been made at the Region I level to revisit numerous community submitted coastal analyses. Once they have completed the revised analysis and preliminary work maps, impacted communities will be notified to go over any proposed changes. I anticipate that Kennebunkport will be one of those communities. During a

recent Webinar with FEMA Region I, communities were informed that work maps will likely be discussed with staff in November 2016. This will probably result in a revised preliminary

map becoming available in Spring 2017. Once the preliminaries become available, our online mapping services will be updated for

See FEMA mapping page 7

Parsons Way bench moratorium

By the Parsons Way Committee

The Parsons Way Committee in collaboration with the town has recently installed a new memorial bench in the vicinity of Endcliffe Avenue. If anyone is interested in memorializing a loved one, there are still two plaque spaces available on this bench. This is pertinent because after careful and deliberate consideration, the committee has decided to place a

moratorium on the installation of any new memorial benches along Parsons Way due to a lack of space. It is our mission to preserve and maintain the scenic beauty of Parsons Way for all to enjoy, and we feel that keeping it as open and natural as possible best upholds this mission at this time.

RSU 21 building project update

By Dr. Katie Hawes, Superintendent of Schools

Kennebunkport Consolidated School looks beautiful! As you will recall, PC Construction planned a "summer slammer." The goal was to occupy the classrooms by September 6. To that end, we received our Occupancy Permit on August 30 and teachers entered the building for the first time on September 1. Teachers were there working beside the finish carpenters 12 hours per day over Labor Day weekend. Students arrived on September 6. The RSU 21 School Board, Selectman, and Town Managers toured all three schools

on September 7. The transformation can be seen in these photos.

Consolidated School is still under construction, mainly in the gymnasium, music room, and kitchen. We anticipate full completion of this project in late October. Upon full completion, we will hold a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Community Open House.

At the high school, Demolition of the "C" Wing is now complete and the front and back parking lots have been paved and striped. The steel has been erected for the new

cafeteria, locker rooms, and gymnasium. The cafeteria will feature a rounded wall of windows looking out upon the athletic fields as shown here. The frame of the locker room can also be seen here with the gymnasium behind it. Foundations are being poured for the classrooms on the backside of the building. Once finished, there will be a courtyard in the center of the two-story academic portion of the school. We anticipated full completion of Kennebunk High School in the fall/winter of 2018.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools!



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Question 1 on November ballot

By Werner Gilliam, Director of Planning and Development

With Kennebunkport's aging demographic, it has become quite common for single, oftentimes widowed property owners who are seeking additional income to turn to their greatest asset—their property. Renting out a few rooms seems on the surface to be a quite logical, low impact way of gaining the additional income that they need to be able to afford to stay in their homes. For many, they never dreamed that this activity would rise to the level of being a zoning issue, much less something that has produced so much conversation and passion both for and against.

Over the past year, we've heard from many that without updated guidelines and some controls in place, the potential for abuse and negative impact to neighbors exists, especially by those who have a lack of respect for those around them. Many are concerned for the character of their community; increased rental activity spurs for many negative images. With all this in mind, the Growth Planning Committee has drafted revisions for the voters to consider in Question 1 Amendment to the Land Use Ordinance on the November 8, 2016, ballot. Since the revisions are fairly significant, a new description (Residential Rental Accommodation) is being proposed in order to better distinguish the performance standards between approvals granted before and after this ordinance amendment. Major amendments proposed:

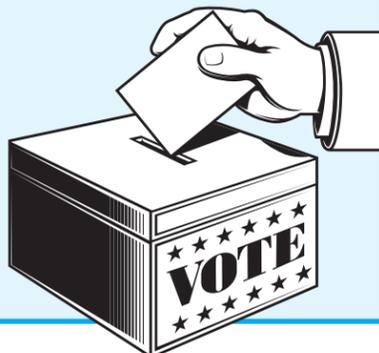
- Require that the property owner be in residence while rooms are rented. Current standards do not require this.
- Approval is issued to the property owner and does not run with the property. In other words, if the home is sold, the next person would have to reapply for permission to continue renting up to two rooms.
- Restricts rental of rooms to no more than once per week.
- Require Code Enforcement inspection to ensure compliance with applicable building codes prior to issuance of permit.
- New enforcement language allows for a revocation of the permit and an appeals process.
- Conditional use requiring Zoning Board of Appeals approval is extended to all zones in town and removes a current restriction allowing it to only occur in homes that were in existence prior to 1972.

Some of the primary standards that are proposed to remain as they are currently written include:

- Zoning Board of Appeals remains the reviewing body which includes notification to all properties within 200 feet.
- Activity must be contained within the principal structure, (No renting of rooms in detached buildings).
- Additional parking requirements remain in place.
- No additional cooking facilities permitted.

VOTE • VOTE • VOTE

Polls are open
for voting
8:00 a.m. to 8 p.m.
on Tuesday,
November 8, 2016.



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Town of Kennebunkport Special Town Meeting November 8, 2016

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 8th day of November, AD 2016, at 8:00 a.m.** for the purpose of acting on Articles 1 and 1a (Referendum Questions 1 and 2) as set forth in the Town Warrant. The polls for voting on Questions 1 and 2 shall be opened immediately after the election of the Moderator at 8:00 a.m. on November 8, 2016, and shall close at 8:00 p.m.

The Referendum questions to be voted on relate to:

1. Amendment to the Land Use Ordinance (regarding roomers)
2. Flouride in the Public Water Supply

The Registrar of Voters will hold office hours while the polls are open to correct any error in 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).

Tracey O'Roak, Town Clerk

Absentee ballots now available

Absentee ballots are now available at the Kennebunkport Town Clerk's Office for the upcoming State Referendum and Special Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, at the Village Fire Station, 21 North Street, in Kennebunkport. If you have any questions about absentee voting or about this election, please call the Town Clerk at 967-1610.

Registrar of Voters holds evening and Saturday hours for absentee voting

The Kennebunkport Town Clerk/Registrar of Voters will hold evening hours at the Kennebunkport Town Hall on Wednesday, November 2, 2016, from 4:30–7:00 p.m. as well as Saturday hours on October 15, 22, and 29, from 9 a.m. to noon to conduct absentee voting, to register any person eligible to vote, and to accept any enrollment/address changes.

Question 2 on November ballot

The upcoming fluoride referendum – we hope you vote NO

By Norm Labbe, PE, Superintendent, Kennebunk,
Kennebunkport & Wells Water District

As you may now know, the Water District has taken a position against continuing its practice of adding fluoride to your drinking water. The upcoming referendum will give you a chance to decide. It should be made clear however that the wording for the referendum question, (which is mandated by State law) is a bit confusing, and is written as follows:

“Shall fluoride be added to the public water supply for the intended purpose of reducing tooth decay?”

In simple terms, due to this State-mandated wording, the only answer we at the Water District are in support of is NO.

The Water District has several reasons for its position against adding fluoride to its water. They can be found on the District’s website at www.kkw.org and at www.rethingfluoride.com. In addition to concerns for the safety of its employees and the ethical questions relating to having informed consent and to mass medication without sensible dosage methodology, some of the Water District’s reasons are as follows.

1. The District’s water already has naturally occurring fluoride; more than twice what it had in 2002, when water fluoridation was voted in. This is due to the District’s recent extensive use of groundwater supplies.
2. The general population is now consuming much more fluoride, from a variety of sources, from when the addition of fluoride to drinking water was first proposed, some 60-plus years ago.
3. The primary method fluoride acts upon teeth for the reduction of cavities is through topical (surface) application and NOT through ingestion. What this means is that brushing teeth with fluoridated toothpaste and using fluoridated rinses are by far more effective than swallowing fluoride.
4. There is a mounting body of evidence that indicates that for many people, when considering their overall exposure to fluoride, the ingestion of fluoride at levels typically found in fluoridated drinking water supplies has a variety of health-related consequences. The health concerns are no longer limited to dental fluorosis (which in its mild form is primarily cosmetic).

This is just the tip of the iceberg on this topic. But don’t take our word for it; educate yourself on this important health issue. Just Google fluoride or the fluoridation of drinking water. Check out both sides of the issue. After educating yourself, we trust that you will understand our perspective (and possibly agree with us by voting NO); that we should stop adding fluoride to your drinking water.

On November 8, you, along with the voters of Kennebunk, Wells, Ogunquit, Arundel, coastal Biddeford and the Bald Head Cliff area of York will have the opportunity to make an informed decision. If the majority of them vote NO, the District will gladly and immediately stop annually adding 20,000 lbs. of fluoride (in the form of hydrofluorosilicic acid) to your drinking water.

REMINDER

The last day to request an absentee ballot
for the upcoming election is

**Thursday, November 3, 2016,
at 4:30 p.m.**

Police department hires new patrol officer

By Kurt Moses, Deputy Chief



The newest member of
the police department
Officer Scott Slawson.

Scott R. Slawson was hired as a patrol officer for the Kennebunkport Police Department on May 12, 2016. He came to Kennebunkport with a wealth of knowledge and experience, having grown up in a law enforcement household and having served with the Bakersfield, California Police Department; the United States Secret Service; and the York, Maine Police Department. His 15 years of prior law enforcement experience will be a great benefit to the town of Kennebunkport and all of its citizens and visitors. During his short period of time working in Kennebunkport, he has made many beneficial contributions to his fellow employees and the general public. The Kennebunkport Police Department welcomes

him to our team, and we look forward to many more years working with him serving the town.

Welcome Greg Reid!

By Werner Gilliam, Director of
Planning and Development



Greg Reid

The code enforcement team had a new addition in 2016. Gregory Reid joined us as a part-time, building inspector. Many of you may know him as a resident, local builder, and former longstanding member of the Planning Board. His professional experience includes a degree in construction technology and 30+ years in the building trades. We are honored to benefit from his extensive building knowledge and look forward to having him as part of the town hall staff.

A new face at public works

By Michael Claus, Director of Public Works

Kennebunkport public works welcomes Matt Philbrick as a new truck driver/equipment operator. He is a graduate of Kennebunk High School and attended Nichols College in Massachusetts for business and leadership studies. He has worked with the public services department in Kennebunk as parks superintendent and CDL truck driver. Look for him plowing in truck 3 this winter on the Mills Road and Goose Rocks Beach Route.



Matt Philbrick rakes
out loam after installa-
tion of a new genera-
tor and propane tank at
the Kennebunkport
police station.

Public works news

By Michael Claus, Public Works Director

The Kennebunkport public works department employees had a busy summer maintenance and construction season this year. From mowing the grass at Fireman's Park in Cape Porpoise to weeding the gardens at Silas Perkins, the sun kept us busy keeping up with town plantings. We mowed all town roadsides and thanks to Jeff Nest, had a harvest of hay off of the town landfill.

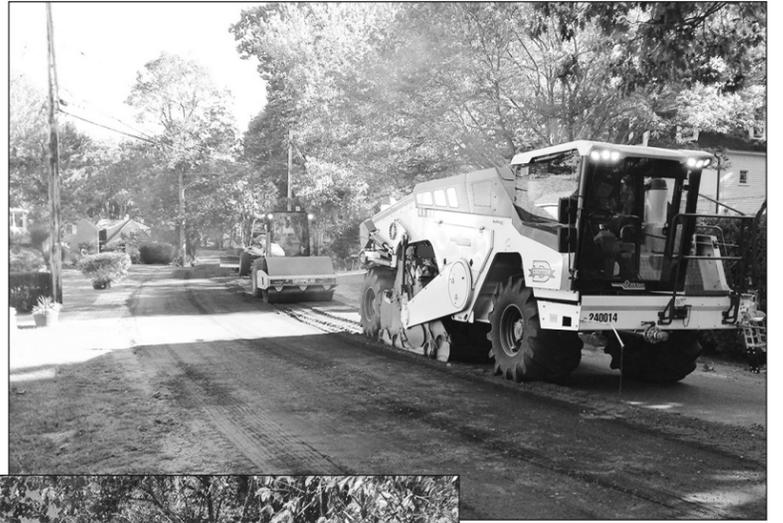
Our major construction project on North Street involved repairing the west side of the road between Maine Street and the Village Fire Station with solid base for drainage and curb to separate the road from residents' front lawns. This shoulder work allowed for a temporary sidewalk to be in place for the reconstruction of the curb and sidewalk on the east side of North Street from Maine Street to Meserve Lane. At the River Road end of North Street, shoulder and drainage work on the west side of the road was completed in preparation for road reconstruction. A new granite retaining wall was built by public works in front of the cemetery where ledge was removed for shoulder widening.

In October, Dayton Sand and Gravel is scheduled to reconstruct North Street between Maine Street and River Road. New curb and sidewalk will then be installed between Maine Street and Meserve Lane. We are delaying reconstruction of a section of North Street between Meserve Lane and the cemetery to allow for utility infrastructure to be installed for the CDMK Development Project. The Planning Board and CDMK agreed to have CDMK deposit \$25,000 to the town of Kennebunkport for sidewalk improvements on North Street. That work will be done after North Street utility connections for the development are completed.

Good weather allowed for a successful paving season in town with the completion of topcoat work on Goose Rocks Road, Langsford Road, Ward Road, Northwood Drive, and Stonewood Lane. This topcoat work allows for roads to be rehabilitated and significantly extends each road's reconstruction cycle. We have been focusing our reconstruction efforts on roads designated for safety, pedestrian, and bicycle improvements designated by the town Comprehensive Plan, Budget Board, and Board of Selectmen. An example of this is the reconstruction of Ocean Avenue between Walkers Point and Turbats Creek Road that took place this summer in conjunction with Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Wells Water District's water main extension project.

Other projects completed this summer included drainage

improvement on Langsford Road and Summit Avenue along with removal of an old sidewalk on Oak Street at the request of the neighborhood. The Oak Street sidewalk area was loamed and



Reclaim: reconstruction of Ocean Avenue with pedestrian and bicycle improvements.



Public works excavates the old sidewalk on North Street for new curb and sidewalk.

seeded by public works. The crew helped our Harbormaster Lee McCurdy build and install new floats at the Cape Porpoise Pier. Tree work was done on Old Cape Road between Main Street and Bath Lane to keep trucks and school buses from hitting limbs hanging over the road.



Construction of a granite retaining wall at the North Street Cemetery.

Public works has been utilizing a new sweeper this summer that has vacuum and mechanical sweeping capabilities. This has allowed us to keep our curb lines clean and our parking areas swept along with a quick response to minor shoulder washouts that leave sand on the road. Please give public works a call at 967-5728 if you have maintenance issues on your road that we need to address.

Kennebunkport fire department conducts multi-town training burn

Kennebunkport firefighters were joined by crews from Arundel and Kennebunk to conduct a controlled burn of a residence on Arundel Road in July. The mobile home was slated for demolition, and the property owner provided the area departments with an opportunity to train in and then burn the structure. Such dwellings present a unique challenge to firefighters due to the nature of their construction. Building fires do not happen often, so opportunities such as this are greatly appreciated. They allow our firefighters to gain the experience necessary to combat them safely and efficiently, which directly contributes to the safety of our community.



Photo by KPFD Firefighter Leon Rossouw

Kennebunkport fire department adds seven new members

By Dick Stedman, Fire Administrator

Since March, the Kennebunkport Fire Department has been extremely fortunate to have seven new members join our ranks. Those now assisting us in helping to keep the town safe include: Jim Black, Eric Earle, Mike Lynch, Pat MacHugh, Michelle Martel, Bob McDermott, and Matt Thomas.

An interesting aspect of this group is that it includes several people with prior firefighting experience, something of which we don't often have the benefit. Lynch previously served as a Lieutenant with the Warehouse Point, Connecticut Fire Department, and Martel has been a member of the Saco Fire Department for over six years. McDermott retired to Kennebunkport following a lengthy public safety career in fire, EMS, and law enforcement. His experience includes arson investigation and terrorism response. Earle, Black, and Thomas bring enthusiasm and a desire to help the community while keeping our instructors busy as they learn basic firefighting skills. MacHugh was recently appointed as pastor of the Church on the Cape, and she has been named as the department chaplain.

We welcome these new members and greatly appreciate their willingness to serve the community. If you are interested in learning more about what we do and possibly becoming a member, please contact the fire department business office at 967-2114 or ask any Kennebunkport firefighter. Your inquiry may lead to one of the most rewarding things you have ever done!

Kennebunkport Public Health

By Judy Barrett R.N., B.S. and Alison Kenneway R.N., B.S.N.

Public Health Department: This is an interesting and exciting time in the rapidly expanding field of public health. Since our conception in 1943, the Kennebunkport Public Health Department's focus is to provide for the medical and social needs of our residents and guests. We have been active in updating our website to include from educational information, resources available in our community, and snippets of information we find interesting, to projects we are working on. Please share with us the direction that you, the residents of Kennebunkport, would like us to head. Contact the Public Health Office @ 967-4401, with any nursing, health officer complaints, or social service needs. Our office hours are Monday-Friday 8:00-9:30 AM, and 1:00-2:00 PM; Saturday's on call from 8:00 AM-12:00 PM.

In the event of a potential or actual disaster, the Public Health Department is responsible for the sheltering needs of Kennebunkport residents and guests. It is our responsibility to make sure everyone's medical and basic needs are met. We are updating our emergency contact list. If you are on oxygen or any medical equipment requiring electricity, or have difficulty getting out of your home, please contact the Public Health Department so we can add you to our call of concern list. Please visit our Public Health Departments website for up-to-date information on disaster tips and planning. Be prepared!

Attention: Due to billing difficulties with Medicare reimbursement, and the town of Kennebunkport's coverage under Medicare B, we will no longer be able to offer flu vaccine to our community. We are sorry to break this long *important* Public Health tradition. This decision did not come easy. However, flu vaccine has been more readily available throughout the community at participating pharmacies, community flu clinics, walk-in clinics, and participating emergency rooms. We will keep you informed. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or recommendations.

Flu shots are available at these participating pharmacies and walk in clinics. Also you may ask at your own primary care M.D.'s office.



- CVS Kennebunk, 48 Portland Road
- CVS Biddeford, 430 Mariner Way
- CVS Biddeford, 384 Elm Street
- CVS Wells, 11 steeple Way
- Rite Aid Kennebunk, 37 Portland Road
- Rite Aid Biddeford, 335 Alfred Street
- Rite Aid Saco, 461 Main Street
- Rite Aid Wells, 1036 Post Road
- Hannaford Biddeford, 299 Elm Street
- Hannaford Kennebunk, 65 Portland Road
- Walmart Biddeford, 50 Boulder Way
- Target Biddeford, 430 Mariner Way
- Wells Urgent Care, 114 Sanford Road
- SMHC walk-in, 2 Livewell drive, Kennebunk, 655 Main Street, Saco
- Visiting Nurses Agency- host local flu clinics throughout the fall/winter, watch papers for listings.



Healthy Maine Beach Program: The Kennebunkport Healthy Maine Beach team had a busy summer. We have been out to Colony and Goose Rocks Beach weekly testing the waters for bacteria. You can visit www.theswimguide.org for the beach status of our beaches or any other beach along the coast of Maine. A Rainfall 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 this time, it is felt that



Alison Kenneway water testing.

the two tidal cycles have cleared the river runoff of bacteria from inland. We had 3 Contamination Advisories in place at Goose Rocks beach, 1 at Colony Beach. The highest reading at Goose Rocks was, June 7 with all 3 sites elevated. The mouth of the Little River was 309, Proctor site was 857, and the mouth of the Batson River was 767. Retesting the next day all came back well under the limit of 104. The highest reading at Colony was 650 on June 7 with a retest the next day also less than 104. These high readings were a result of heavy rainfall 2 days prior to testing up the entire coast of Maine. The EPA sets 104 in a teaspoon of water as the maximum limit for safe water contact. We would like to thank the dedicated volunteers, Linda and Steve Hanna, Paul Hogan, Judy Barrett, Don and Barbara Tarr, Alison and Seth Kenneway, Bill Nixon, Harvey Flashen, 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. Thanks again for your help this season! See you next year!!!



Well Water Testing Program: On June 4, the Public Health Department sponsored our sixth **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 wells every three years. We have water, radon, and soil testing kits in the Public Health Office. The reduced rate for testing is only offered on our Well Water Test Day in the spring. Before you randomly treat your lawn and gardens for winter, have your soil checked for what nutrients are actually needed. These chemicals leach into our watershed.

Lawns for Lobsters: All Kennebunkport residents are encouraged to participate in the "Lawns for Lobster Program." See the town's webpage for more information.



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.

Healthy Heart Community: Kennebunkport is one of the few communities in Maine that has earned the **Healthy Heart Community** distinction. As part of this nationwide program, the Public Health Department has joined with KEMS to offer cardiac prevention programs. Community CPR and first aid courses are being offered this fall. If you are interested in learning this lifesaving skill, contact the Public Health Department or KEMS for more information on upcoming classes. Through the efforts of KEMS, the Kennebunkport Public Health office received a grant to obtain an AED for our office. A BIG thank you goes out to Dean Auriemma and the heart healthy community team for securing this grant. *Let's hope we never need to use it!!*



Stuff the Backpack: A special thank you to the Portside Rotary, The Church On The Cape, and all the residents who helped us reach our goal of purchasing and filling backpacks for our local children in need. It was a huge success. We couldn't have done it without your generosity! Thank you!!!



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 8, Election Day, the Kennebunkport Health Council will again sponsor Stuff the Bus. Please bring non-perishable 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, 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 at 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 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.



Home Medical Equipment Loan Closet: Are you in need of a walker, wheelchair, cane or commode? Visit our FREE durable medical equipment closet.



Kennebunkport Parks & Recreation

By Carol Cook, Director of Parks and Recreation

Home

Kennebunkport Parks & Recreation has been housed in a portable classroom at the Consolidated School since 2001. The recent renovation project at the school has prompted a review of our office space and our facilities in general. An architect has been hired to design a new recreation building that could take the place of the existing office and our storage building. The next step is to complete a comparative study regarding renovation or starting from scratch. We are only in the beginning stages, and the process will play out during the budget season. Speaking of the budget, the department has been setting funds in a reserve account to replace our two playgrounds in Rotary Park at Beachwood and Parsons Field (by Consolidated School). Exciting things are happening for the department, and I sincerely hope that I can retire (in a few years) saying that I left things better than I found them.

Online Registration Software

Check out our online registration program at www.kennebunkportrec.com. Establishing your family account and registering for programs is as easy as a few clicks of your mouse. Current offerings include youth basketball through 6th grade for boys and girls, family ski programs at Shawnee Peak and Sunday River, adult trips, Kennebunkport After-School Adventure, and special trips/activities for Early Release Wednesdays and other no-school days. We are always looking for feedback, so please let us know if you have program suggestions or comments.

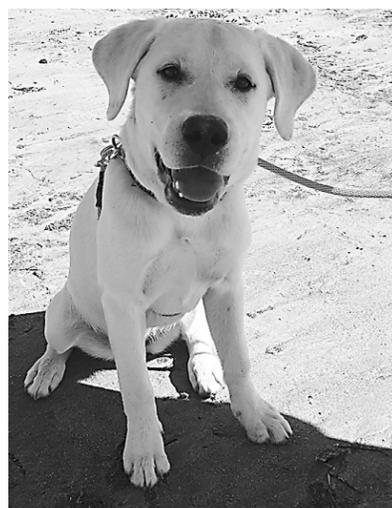
FMI: call 967-4304 or 710-7060

Time to register your dog

By Tracey O'Roak, Town Clerk

It's time to renew your dog's license! According to state law, all dogs kept within the state of Maine must be licensed. An owner of a dog that is 6 months of age or older and kept in Kennebunkport must obtain a 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 from a veterinarian that the dog has received a rabies vaccine. 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.



Piper O'Roak

If you apply for a dog license after January 31, a late fee of \$25.00 (in addition to the annual license fee) will be charged per dog. This is state law and the fee cannot be waived for any reason.

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.

Preparing to head to warmer breezes will ensure a worry free winter

By Craig Sanford, Police Chief

It is time again for family and friends to head south to escape the cold winter months. I hope the summer brought many happy memories, but now is the time to prepare for your absence from Kennebunkport. A little preparation now will hopefully prevent costly repairs or the loss of hard earned personal items. I have compiled a list that you could use as a checklist to help in keeping things safe during another cold Maine winter.

- Turn off all water sources, check drains, insulate outside faucets.
- Open interior doors to allow heat to filter into all rooms.
- Turn down thermostats.
- Unplug electrical appliances not needed such as computers, toasters, and TV's.
- Ensure smoke alarms and CO alarms have fresh batteries.
- Ensure roof gutters are clear.
- Remove products that can freeze from cold areas and place inside (i.e. paint).
- Check with your alarm company and

ensure contact information is updated and accurate.

- Use timers on lights to have them come on and turn off to appear someone is home.
- Leave a small radio on.
- Secure sliding doors and windows. Use the lock but also an old broom handle in the track.
- Remove any spare key from outside.
- Ask a family member or neighbor to check on your property.
- Get snow removed from driveways and walkways.
- Have mail and newspapers canceled or picked by someone else.
- LOCK ALL DOORS AND WINDOWS.
- Store valuables in another location or in a safe.



You may also come to the police department and fill out a vacation/property check form. The department will check on your property as calls for service allow. It is important to give as much detailed contact information as possible should there be a need for us to contact you. It is equally important to notify us when you will be returning so you are not surprised by a police officer in the middle of the night. There have been occasions where we were checking on the

property and the owner failed to tell us and both the owner and officer were "surprised" to see each other.

You may also wish to consider a home monitoring device which will allow you 24/7 visual connectivity to your vacant home. I have seen these in many retail locations such as Staples or Target.

Be safe. Have a nice winter. Call me if you have questions. We look forward to seeing you in the spring of 2017.

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Plan now for rough weather this winter season

By Craig Sanford, Police Chief

As summer closes and the leaves begin falling, now is a great time to start preparing for the cold winter months ahead. Each year, the New England states must brave cold temperatures, snow and ice storms, and untimely power outages. It is important for year-round residents and their family members to plan for these types of situations. Many times, emergency services are called to situations that are truly the homeowner's responsibility. Our emergency services personnel work hard to help no matter the call, but we often quickly run out of personnel or get tied up on a more serious call that can delay a response.

I have attached a list of things for you to consider for the upcoming winter months. I urge family members that may leave for sunnier shores to help plan for those left behind and ensure there are backup plans for them should an extreme weather event happen here in Kennebunkport.

- Have enough food and water available for at least four days for everyone in the household including pets at all times.
- Have medications for at least a week for those in need. Extra oxygen containers including battery backup for mechanical devices.
- Have a secondary heat source which is used according to the manufacturer.
- Have a backup light source such as battery operated lights or candles.

- Have spare cash on hand in case ATM machines are not working.
- Ensure your vehicle(s) have fuel should the need arise to leave your home.
- Keep cell phones charged.
- Have a plan to evacuate your home should it become necessary. Have another family member or friend that lives in another area ready and willing to take you in. Consider area motels or hotels and have their phone numbers ready should you need a temporary place to stay.
- Plan for your pets.
- Have several routes in mind should you have to leave. Your primary road that you travel everyday may be blocked.

It is your responsibility to prepare for you and your family in an emergency. The State of Maine at Maine.gov has tips for planning for emergencies as well as many other sites online. Emergency personnel may not be able to get to you. So, don't wait to plan, prepare, and leave if necessary.

Remember to never drive through roads that are covered by large amounts of water and debris as the road may be gone underneath. We always see in the news how some unfortunate individual chose to drive through the water when they should have gone around or stayed in place.

It is also against the law to drive around barri-



ades and traffic flaggers. There is a reason for the barricade, and it is because there is a hazard ahead. Do not drive around a barricade in any roadway.

During power outages, it is your responsibility to call your local power service provider. Calling the dispatch center will not get your service restored sooner. The power companies do not tell us what is wrong or how long it will be before the lights are back on.

The police department uses a system called CODE RED to do targeted call backs during emergency situations. It could be used to notify residents of impending evacuation warnings, searches for lost persons, or other important information. I would ask each of you to visit our website, look for the CODE RED icon, and sign up for it. It will call landlines as well as cell numbers.

Please take the time now to plan and prepare.

FEMA mapping

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viewing by the public and notices will be sent out to affected property owners. Making the decision to appeal will need to be done and submitted within the 90-day appeal period following issuance of the preliminary maps. The estimated effective date is set for July of 2018.

It is important to note that the methods that will likely be used in the 2017 Preliminary Maps more than likely will utilize old overly conservative methods and will probably not leverage data that was obtained by the Army Corps of Engineers in the recently federally funded North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study. This study was funded by the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 and was intended to conduct a comprehensive study to address flood risks and coastal vulnerability in the areas impacted by Hurricane Sandy. While Maine was fortunate to be spared much of the damage from Hurricane Sandy and did not receive as much focus in this study as areas further south, some modeling and statistical analysis was performed for the Maine coastline. Additional analysis would be needed to leverage this data and put it into a relevant format for flood mapping purposes.

Stay tuned for more information regarding the latest preliminary map revisions.

Arbor Day Celebration

Kennebunkport Shade Tree Committee celebrated Arbor Day on May 20 at Consolidated School. All of the children were given seedlings and pencils to commemorate the special day.



Fifth grader, Sam Woodman led the pledge of allegiance at morning meeting and met District Forester Oliver Markewicz.



Tree poetry reading by - left to right Hope Poore, Janelle Powell, and Robyn Altham.

BAC, GRB, harmony

By the Beach Advisory Committee

The Beach Advisory Committee (BAC) works in harmony with the public, the Board of Selectmen, and various town departments to foster harmonious relationships at Goose Rocks Beach (GRB) so that everyone may enjoy this beautiful natural treasure. To that end, regularly scheduled public televised BAC meetings allow folks to share their ideas and learn from others about what's happening at GRB.

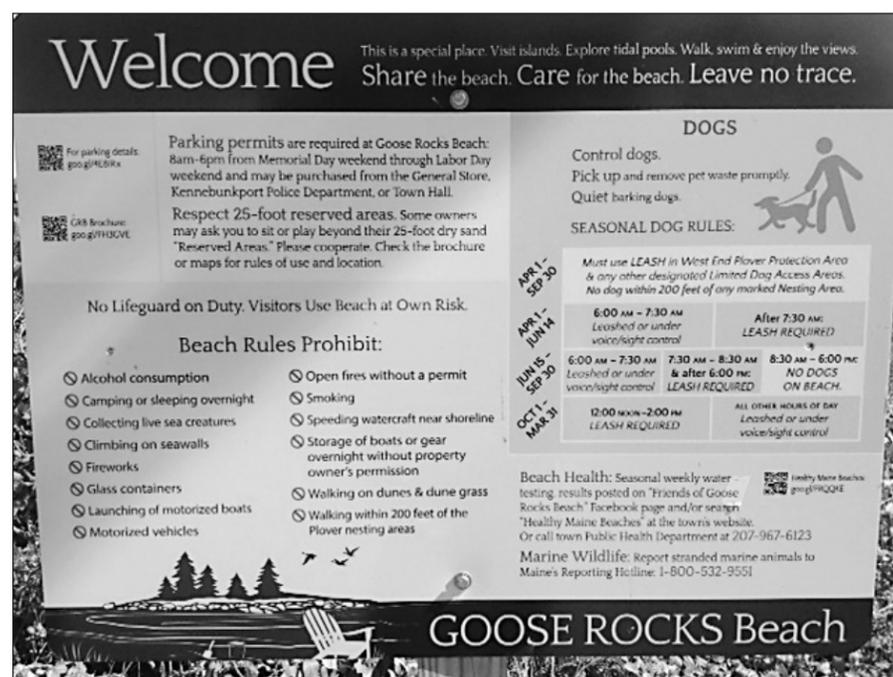
For example, the work of the BAC has produced the new sign now seen at each public beach access entrance. The sign replaces the previous array of several signs that cluttered these entrances, and the tone of the new sign is far more welcoming. Additionally, the new sign presents pertinent information for beach visitors, including a clear chart of seasonal dog restrictions, a map of Plover nesting areas, and fair rules for everyone to follow so that all of us may have happy times here. That's what harmony is all about!

Other BAC initiatives this summer include physical improvements, such as the newly constructed walkway (that mirrors the Dyke Road walkway) along New Biddeford Road. Pedestrians now can negotiate safer passage to the east end of the beach. Many thanks to the town selectmen for authorizing these projects and to the town's public works department for excellent and speedy installations of the signs and the new walkway.

For improvements at the beach itself, the Natural Resources Subcommittee focused on native plants for biodiversity and the federally-protected Piping Plovers and Least Terns. The committee organized volunteers again this summer to reclaim beach areas being taken over by invasive plants. More aggressive efforts used this year systemically destroyed many tenacious weeds and vines, while other invasive plants were pulled by hand. Volunteers also planted scores of sea grass plugs as well as over 300 beach plums and bayberries. The BAC continued its contributions to the Plover protection program by supporting an intern to educate beachgoers. Volunteers monitored daily activities of the Piping Plovers and Least Terns during nesting season and beyond, and posted updates on Facebook (Friends of Goose Rocks Beach)

Additionally, the BAC served the community this summer with special slideshow programs. At the July BAC meeting at the GRB Firehouse, a speaker from the Marine Mammals of Maine (mmome.org) organization gave a thorough overview of situations with seals on our beach, especially with pups, which may seem to be abandoned and in need of our help, but are not. In fact, we learned we need to stay well away from these pups so as not to scare them or make the mother scared to fetch her baby. (Visit their website to learn more.)

At the August BAC meeting, Michael Nadeau presented landscaping options that use native plants to make Maine look like Maine, as he put it, rather



New sign welcomes beachgoers with helpful information.

than having fertilizer- and pesticide-saturated lawns that look like golf courses. Golf course lawns are notorious for chemical run-off into waterways, adversely affecting aquatic organisms in estuaries, rivers, harbors, and even the ocean itself. Algae blooms flourish from leaching lawn fertilizers; shellfish are poisoned by pesticides; and seals, being higher up the food chain, often suffer the most. People who care about healthy ecosystems for seals and birds should think twice about spreading poisons on their lawns. Regulators aren't kidding when they require signs stating children and dogs are not safe on such lawns. Moreover, Nadeau added, "Dogs living in homes where pesticides are used on lawns are five times more likely to die of cancer than dogs which are not so exposed."

Nadeau reworks such lawns for people in diverse ways. For example, lawns that are 15% clover are fertilized by the nitrogen-fixing clover root nodules. Or consider having moss and fern lawns, blueberry bush lawns, and others, which Mr. Nadeau calls "freedom lawns," because they free you from mowing, watering, fertilizing, and from treating with health-hazardous pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, etc., thus saving you money, time, and possibly adding years to your life! (see more at michaelnadeau.org)

Yet another dimension to BAC activities is the BAC's Facebook page (Friends of Goose Rocks Beach) where you can follow summer water test results, spring and summer plover nesting activities, and see many photos, film clips, inspirational thoughts, etc., posted by those who know and love GRB.

The BAC welcomes input to continue promoting harmony at GRB. Please let us know your thoughts by emailing us at grbadvisory@gmail.com.

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 Public Officials

Board of Selectmen

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 Stuart E. Barwise
 Vice-Chair
 Patrick A. Briggs
 Allen A. Daggett
 Edward W. Hutchins
 Sheila Matthews-Bull

Town Manager

Laurie A. Smith

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Registrar of Voters holds evening and Saturday hours for absentee voting

The Kennebunkport Town Clerk/Registrar of Voters will hold evening hours at the Kennebunkport Town Hall on Wednesday, November 2, 2016, from 4:30-7:00 p.m. as well as Saturday hours on October 15, 22, and 29, from 9 a.m. to noon to conduct absentee voting, to register any person eligible to vote, and to accept any enrollment/ address changes.

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