



# KENNEBUNKPORT Town Review

A newsletter for the residents of Kennebunkport

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## Kennebunkport has new town manager

In September of 2013, Larry Mead departed to become the next Town Manager of Old Orchard Beach. The Selectmen began the process of hiring a new manager who would carry on the good work of Larry and finding a good fit for Kennebunkport. On February 10, our new Town Manager, Laurie Smith, began her official duties. She grew up in Maine on the peninsula of Mere Point in Brunswick and completed her education at the University of Maine. She came to Kennebunkport with 25 years of municipal service in the State of Maine. She has served in other coastal communities including Boothbay,

Boothbay Harbor, and most recently Wiscasset. She also enjoyed over 10 years in the City of Auburn as Assistant City Manager. When asked what attracted her to Kennebunkport, she is quick to reply that the coastal Town was a perfect fit due to its location and the community pride, which was evident throughout the interview process.

Since beginning the job two months ago, Smith has spent most of her time familiarizing herself with the Town and its people. The most challenging issue she has faced to date was the

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Town Manager Laurie Smith.

## Public works department spring projects

By Michael Claus, Public Works Director

Spring marks the transition from winter maintenance to summer construction for Kennebunkport public works. Maine Street will have new water and storm drain pipes, while public works will be reconfiguring the sidewalk on the west side of Maine Street with new granite curbing. As soon as curbing is complete, Maine Street will be repaved and traffic should return to normal. In the Goose Rocks Beach area, Wildwood Avenue will be repaved and reconstruction of rough sections of Goose Rocks Road will be underway. The new shared use path and the roadway will get a topcoat on Turbats Creek Road, and the new sidewalk on North Street will get a topcoat of paving.

In addition to our usual sweeping,

mowing and line painting, the public works crew will be placing new bike racks at Union Square and the Dock Square Parking lot. Kennebunk Light and Power will be helping us take down (and re-install) the Dock Square flagpole for cleaning and repainting this spring. The Dock Square restroom building will be repainted and cleaned up for spring open-up. Wood benches at Cape Porpoise pier will be resealed, and the guardrail along Pier Road will get a new coat of white paint.

Look for our crews to be out doing shoulder work on Ocean Avenue and Wildes District Road this year. If you have any suggestions or see something we missed, please give us a call at 967-5728.



Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Wells Water District coordinates new water main line installation with the Town to help complete Maine Street storm drain work before summer traffic arrives.

## Kennebunkport's Easter trap tree



Because of the long, harsh winter we had this year, the lobster trap tree was snowed in and frozen to the ground later than normal. This prompted the creation of the first in the nation Easter trap tree. (Thank you Mark Dufoe, Sophia Gauthier, and Lily Gauthier.) How long will it be before others copy us again?

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# Five questions on June ballot

By Werner Gilliam,  
Director of Planning and Development

This June, we have a number of proposed revisions to the Land Use Ordinance and the Kennebunk River Ordinance on the town meeting ballot. Revisions are initiated due to changes in state law, legal challenges, consistency issues, or merely recognizing that a particular standard is not operating as intended. Proposed ordinance changes undergo a rigorous review by a number of boards, committees, staff and legal before they appear on a town warrant.

## Question 1: Amendment to the Land Use Ordinance Concerning Tents

This proposed ordinance change would exempt small tents of 80 square feet or less from permitting or being treated as structures. In addition, businesses that typically utilize larger event style tents would be permitted to have them on premise for up to 30 days per year.

## Question 2: Amendment to the Land Use Ordinance Concerning Accessory Apartments

This revision removes the restriction that accessory apartments located in detached structures should be completely within 75 feet of the principal structure. This requirement has been problematic for property owners wishing to convert existing structures into accessory apartments.

## Question 3: Amendment to the Land Use Ordinance Concerning Disability Variances

A recent change in state law now allows for the code enforcement officer to issue permits for structures such as handicapped ramps in nonconforming locations without the need to obtain a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

## Question 4: Amendment to the Land Use Ordinance Concerning Expiration Dates of Conditional Use Approvals

This revision clarifies a conflict within the ordinance regarding expiration dates of conditional uses that have been approved as part of a subdivision. Currently, such approvals expire in 6 months unless extensions have been granted or permits pulled. Subdivisions typically have a 5-year approval. This amendment allows conditional uses approved as part of a subdivision to have the same expiration as the subdivision.

## Question 5: Amendment to the Kennebunk River Ordinance

These revisions clarify mooring precedence within federally dredged areas. The Kennebunk River Ordinance is unique in the fact that it must be approved by voters from Kennebunk and Kennebunkport.

# Overview of proposed fiscal year 2015 municipal budget

By Laurie A. Smith, Town Manager

The fiscal year 2015 budget proposal maintains the level of municipal services to residents and property owners. The operating budget of \$6.4 million decreased by \$502,313, or a little over 7%. The capital outlay budget presents an increase of 5% in the amount of \$68,191. When combined the total fiscal year 2015 budget is 5.33% below fiscal year 2014 in the amount of \$434,122. The majority of this decrease, \$400,000, is due to the purchase of the McCabe property using a transfer of undesignated fund balance. Removing this one-time expense from the calculations shows a combined decrease of \$34,122 or 0.4%.

On the operating side of the budget there are several noteworthy items:

- The Federal Emergency Management Agency has produced new flood maps which will effect a number of properties within the Town. The Planning and Development budget includes a proposal to retain the services of Robert Gerber to undertake a floodplain mapping study. The proposed cost of this study is \$20,000.
- The progression of the litigation over Goose Rocks Beach allows for a reduction in the proposed legal budget of \$75,000. The Superior Court ruled in favor of the Town on the prescriptive easement pleadings. The plaintiffs appealed to the Judicial Supreme Court. The Law Court over-

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## TOWN OF KENNEBUNKPORT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING June 10 and 14, 2014

### PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

To the voters of Kennebunkport: You are hereby notified that the **Annual Town Meeting** of this municipality will be held at the **Village Fire Station, 32 North Street, in said Town on Tuesday, the 10th day of June, AD 2014, at 8:00 a.m.** for the purpose of acting on Articles numbered 1 and 1a and Questions 1 through 5 (Election of Officers and Referendum Questions) as set forth in the **Town Warrant**.

The polls for voting shall be opened immediately after the election of the Moderator at 8:00 a.m. on June 10, 2014, and shall close at 8:00 p.m.

The continuation of said meeting will be held in the **auditorium of the Consolidated School, 25 School Street**, in said Town on **Saturday, the 14th day of June AD 2014, at 9:00 a.m.** for the purposes of acting on Articles numbered 2 through 62 (Funding and Non-Funding Articles), as set out in the Warrant.

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.

Attested copies of the Town Warrant as well as sample ballots are 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.

Copies of the Warrant and the proposed ordinance amendments can be viewed on the Town's website at [www.kennebunkportme.gov](http://www.kennebunkportme.gov).

**A copy of the Town Report** can be picked up at the Town Offices, 6 Elm Street, Bradbury Brothers Market, Main Street, Cape Porpoise and Graves Memorial Library, 18 Maine Street.

April Dufoe, Town Clerk

## Registrar of Voters holds evening hours for June election

By April Dufoe, Town Clerk

The Kennebunkport Town Clerk/Registrar of Voters will hold **evening hours** at the Kennebunkport Town Hall on Wednesday, June 4, 2014, **from 4:30–6:30 P.M.** to conduct absentee voting, to register any person eligible to vote and to accept any enrollment/address changes.

## Absentee ballots now available for June Town Meeting

By April Dufoe, Town Clerk

Absentee ballots are now available at the Kennebunkport Town Clerk's Office for the upcoming Annual Town Meeting Election to be held Tuesday, June 10, 2014, at the Village Fire Station, on 32 North Street, in Kennebunkport. Because of a new law that went into effect on September 28, 2011, **THE LAST DAY TO OBTAIN A "NO EXCUSE" ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR THIS ELECTION IS THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2014.** If you have any questions about absentee voting or about this election, please call the Town Clerk at 967-4243 ext. 110.

# 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 new 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.

There has since been sufficient professional investigation to assert that FEMA's mapping models, while producing accurate results elsewhere in the United States has resulted in overly conservative outcomes in the New England area. Due to the dramatic increase of these elevations, the Town decided to pursue an engineered restudy of the Kennebunk River and is considering one for the Goose Rocks Beach area as well. The Town continues its pursuit of having maps that accurately depict legitimate flood risks through the engage-

ment of professional resources to review assertions produced by FEMA. Constant communication with Maine's Congressional delegation has also been a key component in representing property owner's interests as well.

The Town sent out approximately 1,800 notices to all that were affected in some form or another by the latest map revisions. In order to assist property owners with visualizing what the flood zones looked like, a map layer was added to the Town's GIS Maps tool that is available via the Town's website. The use of this online resource allowed us to efficiently communicate the potential risk to property owners.

As of the writing of this article (April 2014), the municipal appeal has yet to begin. We have received some indications that the appeal period may begin at the end of May, however that has yet to be determined. The anticipated enactment of revised maps is projected for June of 2015.

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turned the decision of the Superior Court. The Town submitted a motion to reconsider. The fiscal year 2015 proposed budget would allow the Town to move forward on the second trial on the title pleadings, as well as other legal issues which may develop in association with the case.

- Due to the adoption of the new beach ordinance, the Town must maintain a balance of \$126,000 to fund services related to Goose Rocks Beach. The Police Department maintains personnel at Goose Rocks between mid-June and mid-September. Each year, the balance of the account is transferred to a dedicated fund to be used as need dictates as determined by the Board of Selectmen in consultation with the Beach Advisory Committee. Under the terms of the Beach Use

Ordinance, this fund must be replenished to the original balance at the beginning of each fiscal year. There is a reduction in the request of \$96,000 due to a projected sizeable balance remaining in the account as of June 2014.

The capital outlay budget is fairly flat in comparison to fiscal year 2014. Approximately half of the request is planned on road and sidewalk improvements. This includes a new North Street sidewalk project that will allow for the installation of pedestrian lighting as well. The sidewalk project is partially funded by State DOT funds which are included in the revenues. The facts are that asphalt is petroleum based, and the dramatic increase in oil prices over many years means that significantly more dollars are required to keep roads in good repair.

Non-property tax revenues are showing a 13% decrease; however, the large portion of this is due to the transfer of \$400,000 for the

purchase of the McCabe property. Discounting this transfer, non-property tax revenues are projected to increase by 1.5%, in large measure due to the DOT grant funds for the road and sidewalk project on North Street.

As a result, the net municipal tax commitment after accounting for non-property tax revenues is projected to decrease 1.7%, resulting in a 5-cent decrease to the municipal tax rate.

The County budget is fairly flat this year; however, Kennebunkport opted to spread out the additional tax from the County's fiscal year change out over five years. This additional expense causes about a \$20,000 increase in the budget this year equating to a \$.01 increase on the tax rate.

The RSU-21 assessment will not be finalized until voters have approved a budget. The proposed budget is up by 5.5% or \$415,000. This will add \$.20 to the tax rate. The school referendum vote will take place on June 10.

Expense Categories	2014 Approved Budget	Selectmen/ Budget Board	2015 Increase (Decrease)	% Diff
Personnel salaries	2,627,921	2,691,270	63,349	2.41%
Staff retire & health	1,068,021	1,092,363	24,342	2.28%
Staff develop & ed	97,129	97,015	(114)	-0.12%
Utilities	265,519	266,313	794	0.30%
Legal	235,000	160,000	(75,000)	-31.91%
Waste disposal	440,820	439,562	(1,258)	-0.29%
Contracted services	216,560	233,678	17,118	7.90%
Insurance	145,284	137,227	(8,057)	-5.55%
Vehicle Fuel	98,275	100,275	2,000	2.04%
Road maintenance supplies	92,500	95,500	3,000	3.24%
Supplies	134,030	138,320	4,290	3.20%
Repairs & maintenance	108,948	108,148	(800)	-0.73%
Debt service	322,139	315,017	(7,122)	-2.21%
Outside Agencies	283,231	274,541	(8,690)	-3.07%
Other expenses	712,705	194,240	(518,465)	-72.75%
Social Services	23,900	26,200	2,300	9.62%
Capital Outlay	1,272,200	1,340,391	68,191	5.36%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8,144,182</b>	<b>7,710,060</b>	<b>(434,122)</b>	<b>-5.33%</b>

## New phone service improves customer service

Laurie A. Smith,  
Town Manager

Phones are an integral part of most business operations, and town government is no different. Customers depend on our phone system to check on tax payments, request emergency services, and ask about upcoming events. The Town's phone system was purchased in 2002, and advances in technology allow businesses new offerings in phone service to enhance operations and customer service. The Town planned to take advantage of these choices and last year appropriated \$25,000 to replace the phone system at the town offices and the police station.

After a thorough review and bid process, the phone contract was

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**ABSENTEE  
BALLOTS**  
are now available  
for the  
**June 10, 2014  
State Primary,  
Municipal and  
RSU Budget  
Validation Election**  
at the office  
of the Town Clerk  
**967-4243 X 110**

# Days gone/days ahead

By Craig Sanford, Police Chief

Will it ever just slow down so I can catch up? This is the question I asked myself while sitting in a church pew during a funeral service last week. A colleague of mine had passed away and as I listened to the stories being told by family members, I did my own self-reflection. I thought of my departed mentor and how the "job" has so quickly changed for law enforcement. After leaving the Army, I first started with a very used uniform, duty belt, and hat right down to the shoes I was supposed to wear. I went to the shooting range for an hour (maybe) with a revolver and was then turned over to a grumpy Sergeant who thought of me as a pain in his backside. I was assigned a training officer and eventually would attend the mandated 11 week academy in Waterville.

The first cruiser I drove had a wooden board holding the seat upright with rope tied to keep the rear door shut. The car had two toggle switches to turn the chain driven light bar on and start the single tone siren. I had a flashlight that would make Darth Vader jealous and a radio that was as big as a brick. The world was simple. Go find bad guys and put them in jail. All was clear. My mission was simple.

Fast forward 25 plus years later. Criminals are different today. The level of violence used is higher with better weapons and planning by the bad guy. I never expected to carry a military grade

weapon and wear body armor similar to what I had worn in the Army back in the 80s. Officers are more likely to be assaulted today as the court systems continue to backlog, and justice for victims is some far-fetched dream. The job opening for a police officer vacancy was filled from a field of well over 100 candidates. Today, the ability to get a good candidate into a process to hire is difficult nationwide. The cost to outfit an officer today exceeds \$3,500.00. Officers must wear ballistic resistant vests, cut resistant gloves, and boots. The duty belt worn by a patrol officer holds a semi-automatic hand gun, handcuffs, extra ammunition, Cap Stun, Taser, impact weapon, and at times a flashlight. I once weighed my duty belt and it was 20 pounds. The modern police car looks more like the cockpit of a fighter jet with computers, cameras, cell phones, multiple radios and switches for numerous lights and sirens. The trunk is filled with a list of tools important to officers in the field. Information is at the tips of your fingers and can travel worldwide in seconds whether it is accurate or not. Even tougher is the fact that society continues to be litigious at every turn, and the role of the police officer becomes a one-stop shopping location for every problem one could imagine.

The reason I touch on some of these differences is to show the progression of law enforcement pro-

fessionals. The ever developing technology world makes great strides each day but unfortunately puts the law enforcement world at a disadvantage. We just cannot catch up! We expect more from our dedicated officers but with that expectation comes a duty to give them the tools to get the job done. I often tell people "being a good boss is just like being a good parent." As parents, we strive to give our children the tools and capabilities to come home safely each day and eventually grow up to be a productive member of society. Then when ready, they will raise their own family and the cycle repeats. I, as the Chief, strive every day to supply the personnel, with whom I serve, with the best equipment, training, and facilities to complete their mission and go home to their families. I feel very fortunate to have received great support from the community while serving in Kennebunkport. Without it, officers would struggle in completing the mission.

Our path is not as clear as it was 25 years ago. Court decisions and legislation change the way we do business practically each month. At times, those changes require unplanned expenditures for training and equipment on top of the already long list of certification requirements. My oldest son is in his early years of a hopefully long law enforcement career. At times, I don't envy him. I wish I could slow the world down just a bit.

## A tribute to Rick Griffin

By Louise Spang, Parsons Way Committee

This March, Kennebunkport lost a gracious and selfless community member with the passing of Frederick "Rick" Griffin after a brief, but courageous battle with brain cancer. Rick and his wife, Martha, were owners of the Kennebunkport Inn for 22 years before he went on to pursue a successful career in real estate.

During those 35 years, Rick was a tireless volunteer for the community. He was a member and past president of the Rotary Club, a board member at the Graves Library and the Kennebunk Senior Center to name a few.

Rick felt very strongly that the Town of Kennebunkport was a blessed place to live and raise a family. To that end, he enjoyed serving the Town as the Tree Warden and as a member of the Parsons Way Committee. His passion and commitment to maintaining the beauty of Kennebunkport for future generations is a testament to his love of this town.

Rick served as the Tree Warden since 2004. Those who served with



Tree Warden Rick Griffin

him recall that he often commented on his love of trees since his childhood years growing up in New Hampshire. This love translated into his dedication and commitment to maintaining and beautifying the tree-lined streets of Kennebunkport—designated as a Tree City USA for the last 37 years.

Rick was also a longtime member of The Parsons Way Committee whose purpose is to uphold the 1944 deed from Henry Parsons stating that,

"the parcel was to be kept free from any structures...or buildings. It was never to be used for any commercial or building purpose, nor was it to be used as parking for automobiles." It goes on to say, "This parcel shall forever be kept open and clear for the unobstructed view of the ocean." To that end, Rick worked with other committee members to maintain the vegetation and minimize invasive species such as bitter-sweet and poison ivy. Rick was also integral in managing the variety of benches on which so many people enjoy sitting and viewing the scenic beauty of Ocean Avenue just as Henry Parsons had intended.

Those who knew Rick will always remember his million-dollar smile and upbeat nature. Rick was always willing to help someone whether it was a business associate in need of a recommendation, a fellow committee member who needed a task completed, or a friend in need of a welcoming hug. His gracious demeanor and attitude were rare and unaffected and will be truly missed.

Town of  
Kennebunkport

**ANNUAL  
TOWN  
MEETING**

Village Fire Station  
32 North Street

**Tuesday,  
June 10, 2014  
8:00 AM to 8:00 PM**

**Election of Officers and  
Referendum Questions**

**And**

**Consolidated School  
Auditorium  
25 School Street**

**Saturday,  
June 14, 2014,  
at 9:00 AM**

**Funding and  
Non-Funding Articles**

# Kennebunkport Public Health

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

## Healthy Maine beach program:

Kennebunkport will participate in the Healthy Maine Beach Program again this summer. Weekly, from Memorial Day–Labor Day, trained volunteers and town staff will be collecting water samples for enterococci bacteria and site-specific data. Results and history of our participation in this program are posted on the Town of Kennebunkport's homepage under "Water Quality." There has been no change in the EPA exceedance level of 104 enterococci (an indicator of fecal contamination) before an advisory is posted. During the summer of 2013, 10 beach advisories were posted for Goose Rocks Beach and Colony Beach. This year, a precautionary rainfall advisory will be posted after an inch of rainfall within 24 hours. The posting will be in place for 24 hours after the rainfall ceases. This will allow two tidal cycles to flush out the contaminants. Boaters are reminded that there is a FREE pump out station located in the Kennebunk River. Kennebunkport is included in the 5 mile restricted area for boat pump outs. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact the Public Health Department.



## Well water test day

Kennebunkport has over 1,000 households relying on a well for their water supply. It is strongly recommended by the Department of Health and Human Services Well Water Division that you have your water supply tested periodically for bacteria, radon, arsenic, copper and lead. Suggested test schedule: dug well every year and artesian wells every three years. Again, this year on May 17, we are offering Kennebunkport residents only, a reduced rate Well Water Test Day with Nelson Analytical laboratory.



Pick up an info packet and sample kit either at the Public Health Office or in the Police Department lobby. Follow the quick and simple directions for obtaining the sample. Then deliver it to 32 North Street, between 9:00 and 11:00 AM on May 17. All results are confidential between you and the lab. This simple step can have a huge impact on the health of your family.

## Lead free drinking water and plumbing standard change

On January 4, 2014, the new lead free standard took effect. The lead content of all pipes, fittings and plumbing fixtures put into use must have less than .25% lead content. Existing stocks of materials with more than .25% lead content are now obsolete and cannot be used in your water system. In order to identify lead free certification marks for drinking water and plumbing materials, contact the EPA or Maine's Drinking Water Program at 1-207-287-5681.

## Lead paint poisoning

Another area of concern is the potential of exposure to lead paint during remodeling. According to the 2010 census, Kennebunkport has 2,918 homes and 1,960 were built before 1978. These homes have the highest possibility of lead dust,

which can be found in your home or landscape. We urge residents or those remodeling and painting homes built before 1972 to obtain a Kennebunkport informational packet. Please help us keep your children, grandchildren and guests safe from lead poisoning. Each year over 100 Maine children are poisoned by lead dust. Most are under three years old. Exposure can lead to learning disabilities, behavior problems, hearing damage, speech delays and decreased intelligence.



## Lawns for Lobster

Now that winter is over and we are busy fertilizing lawns and gardens, spraying for ants, ticks, slugs and bugs, remember that if there is even a tiny crack or break in the system, all chemicals used can leach into the soil and can effect you or your neighbor's well water supply. Please read the directions, and use these products sparingly and only if all other methods have failed.

## Stuff the bus

Help us fill the Parks and Recreation bus with non-perishable food and household/personal supplies on Election Day, June 10. The number of requests for food assistance does not diminish during the summer. When school is out and children do not receive the free or reduced rate breakfasts and lunch, requests actually increase. Our goal is to stock the Community Outreach Services Pantry shelves so no resident goes hungry. Also, we will have a donation jar present to accept cash or checks. Please make your checks out to Community Outreach Services. These funds are used to purchase food from the Good Shepherd Food Bank.



## Drugs and sharps disposal

Did you miss the statewide TAKE BACK THE DRUGS DAY? The Kennebunkport Police Department accepts prescription, over the count-

er, and pet medications year round. Please bring these items to Kennebunkport's secured collection box located in the Police Department's lobby. We will insure that they are disposed of safely. Do not dispose of them in your trash. Medications flushed down your toilet or sink can have an adverse effect on a septic system as well as leach into our streams and rivers. Please deliver your sharps to the Public Health Department for safe disposal.



## Flu vaccine

Kennebunkport Public Health will be offering the new Fluzone Quadrivalent flu vaccine this year to those 60 and under. Studies have shown that the under 60 population will be better covered with the four-strain vaccine (H1N1 + H3N2+ B-Victoria + B Yamagata). Those over 60 are better served with the high dose vaccine. I know that this is early to be discussing flu vaccine for the fall/winter season of 2014-2015, but we want to update you on the newest guidelines for the rapidly changing immunization options.



## Nursing services

If you find that you are in need of nursing care or have a health/welfare related question, Kennebunkport Public Health can help. The nursing staff provides skilled nursing care for our residents and guests 365 days per year. We can visit you in your home, or if you prefer, at our office. Remember, we have the FREE durable medical equipment closet (LOAN CLOSET) if you find that you are in need of crutches, a walker, commode or shower chair.



*Kennebunkport Public Health is a department of the Town of Kennebunkport. Our services are covered under your town taxes.*

## Carol Cook receives recreation department of the year award

The Maine Tennis Association recognized Kennebunkport as the Recreation Department of the Year at their annual meeting in late January. The award was earned because of the overwhelming success of the youth tennis program last summer. The program had fizzled out in recent years to the point of non-existence in 2012. An incredible group of talented volunteers, spearheaded by Steve and Jen Cutone, sparked the resurgence. Approximately 45 youth, aged 5 to 13, were able to receive professional instruction at a very minimal cost. Check our website for information on this year's program.

**President of the Maine Tennis Association Brian Mavor with Carol Cook and her award.**



# Kennebunkport Parks & Recreation Summer 2014



FMI- 967-4304 or [www.kennebunkportme.gov](http://www.kennebunkportme.gov) "Recreation News"

## Summer Day Camp

Entering grades K- 8  
June 23-Aug 15; regular 8:30 AM-4:30 PM\*  
\*7:30 AM-5:30 PM available for additional \$  
Full-time, half-day, or part-time possible  
\$575 for full 8 weeks of FUN  
field trips, special events, camp-wide activities  
or \$20/day plus trip expenses, etc.  
You won't believe what we pack into a day!



## "Little Rascals"

For ages 3-4  
Same times as Summer Day Camp  
Minimum: 10 participants  
Cost: \$25/day,  
\$90/week, or \$575/8 weeks  
half-day: please call for rates

## Van Adventures

Grades 5-8  
Details coming soon



## Swim Lessons

Mondays: 9 AM - 12 PM  
July 7- August 4  
Ages 5-12  
Cost: \$65/participant  
Transportation provided  
from Consolidated School to  
the YMCA in Biddeford

## Youth Golf

Cape Arundel Golf Club  
July 28, 29, & 30  
Ages 6-9: 2:00-3:15 PM  
Ages 10 & Up: 3:30-4:45 PM  
Cost: \$60/participant



## Youth Kayaking

Tide dependent  
6/30, 7/1, 7/15, 7/16, 7/30, 8/1 etc.  
Ages 10-14  
Strong swimmers only  
\$25/per session  
\$60/3 sessions  
Instructor: Bill Junker  
Registered Maine Guide



## Bike Club

Wednesdays- 1:00-3:30 PM  
July 9-August 13  
Ages 9 & Up  
Cost: \$25/participant  
Leader: Helena Brook

## Disc Golf

Fridays, July 12-Aug 9  
1:00 PM; grades 3 and up  
Cost: \$25/player

## Arundel Barn Family Night

My Fair Lady  
\$50/family of 4  
Details TBA

## Archery

Wednesdays, July 9-Aug. 13  
Minimum age:  
Intermediate: 9:30-10:30AM  
Beginner: 11:00 AM-Noon  
\$25/participant

## "Last Days of Summer"

Post-camp week  
August 18-22  
8:00 AM-5:00 PM  
ALL field trips  
Cost: \$95



## Discount Tickets to:

Funtown/Splashtown,  
Mt. Cranmore Adventure Park,  
Water Country, and Aquaboggin



## Kennebunkport Parks and Recreation

### Adult Golf Lessons

Cape Arundel Golf Club  
June 2-5, 2014 • 5:30 to 7 PM  
\$95/participant

Minimum enrollment of 6 and maximum of 12

FMI and registration: 967-4304



# Kennebunkport Parks and Recreation Activities

## Did you say pickle-ball?

Pickle-ball is the fastest growing sport in the country, and Maine is second only to Arizona for most USAPA members per capita. Join the fun! It is a sport using a paddle and a whiffle-ball, playing singles or doubles, on a smaller court (the size of badminton) to require less running. We have two courts painted in the Consolidated School gym, two more on the basketball court of Rotary Park at Beachwood, and one more at Fireman's Field in Cape Porpoise. A portable net is needed in each location, so play must be scheduled. We will be offering introductory clinics; so check cable Channel 2 for details.

## United Way day of caring

Wednesday, June 4 will be the day for spring clean-up at Rotary Park at Beachwood. Much has been done already, but Brian Fairfield is building a new stone wall to hold a granite sign at the entrance, and we hope to work on a trail to eventually meet the Tyler Brook trail

of the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust.

## Trip opportunities for adults

We have planned trips to musical productions, theatrical performances, gardens, historical sites, and more. Check cable Channel 2 or our website for details.

## Disc Golf

The Board of Selectmen approved the installation of a 9-hole introductory disc golf course in the wooded area immediately adjacent to Parsons Field by Consolidated School at their April 30 meeting. Explore Disc Golf of Amherst, MA will design the course and assist in the installation process (We will be looking for volunteers when the date is set.). Also known as Frisbee golf, we hope to offer a clinic to introduce this great activity for people of all ages after the installation is completed.

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## Phone service

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awarded to Coastal Telephone in Old Orchard Beach. The chosen system is more than just new hardware. A new infrastructure provided by Fairpoint will change how calls are received and transferred internally. The Town is migrating to a Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) system that allows the Town to receive calls through the Internet as well as copper lines. The new system allows us greater flexibility in the use and sharing of lines; whereas, the copper lines provide for backup in case of temporary Internet outages.

Beyond the physical setup of the system, the new phones will also allow more options for the handling of calls. One of the complaints I received when I first arrived in town was that, "No one ever answers the phone at Town Hall." This misperception was created because our old phones did not allow for a busy signal or a transfer to voicemail when staff were already handling a call. The customer would simply hear a continuous ringing tone, leaving them frustrated. The new system allows for a more customized navigation through the auto attendant, and gives staff many additional options including updated voicemails to reflect staff schedules, transfer options to other staff in the office, and the ability to transfer calls directly to other departments. Although most people would like us to have a human answer the phones, the cost constraints in the budget have prevented us from employing more staff. We have attempted to take advantage of the possibilities provided in the new system to offset the disadvantages of an automated phone service. One example is direct dial phone numbers for all town office staff. These numbers will be given to customers and vendors who deal often with the same person, allowing them to circumvent the entire auto attendant process.

As the Department Directors and I met to discuss the installation of the new system, we also discussed our phone protocols and have developed a new phone policy. The implementation of these new protocols should alleviate some of the frustrations from the past. As we implement these changes, we will continue to fine-tune our policies and procedures to create the best fit for our customers and staff. Please let us know how you like the new system, as your feedback will be integral to the process.




Summer day camp participants get close to wildlife from the Granite State Zoo.

**DAY CAMP**

Summer day camp participants "get messy" before getting "wet and wild."

The Conservation Commission has a colorful new brochure with tips on caring for your lawn in an environmentally friendly way. Copies are available in the brochure racks at Town Hall. And, look for information soon on the Conservation Commission's page of the Town's website for controlling the invasive phramites weed (the one with the waving plumes).

**10 Simple Steps**

**LAWNS FOR LOBSTERS**

10 Simple Steps toward a safe & healthy lawn for people, pets & lobsters!

1. Leave at least a 25' buffer zone
2. Test your soil
3. Know the size of your lawn
4. Water wisely
5. Regularly
6. Mow high
7. Apply fertilizer in the fall

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# Responsible Riding

By Craig Sanford, Police Chief

The long winter is finally coming to a close and already I see bicyclists bundled up taking their first rides of 2014. I am quickly reminded of an interaction I had with a cyclist in the late fall of 2013. I was sitting in traffic on Spring Street in Dock Square and saw a rider on Ocean Avenue turn left onto Spring Street heading toward Kennebunk. This would not have been unusual had the rider not passed three vehicles stopped at the stop sign, on the left, then passed by the large white Ocean Avenue marker on the left in the oncoming lane. I was stunned that the rider had taken such a risk instead of exercising a small amount of patience and waiting in the line of traffic as required by state law. I eventually stopped the cyclist and after finding out no emergency existed, I questioned his thought process. I issued him several warnings and pointed out how dangerous his neglect for the rules of the road were. More importantly, I made him aware of the poor example he was to young riders that just witnessed him pass the stopped cars and cruise through the stop sign.

Adults need to remember young people watch our every move and will do the same whether right or wrong. I would tend to believe we would not drive a motor vehicle with a young driver in the car as did the bike rider above. So why are we (adults) different on bicycles? No one wants to be part of a crash, and police officers do not want to notify your loved ones that you are injured. Take your time, slow down in traffic, and abide by all traffic control devices.

Please make sure all bicyclists in



your family are familiar with the rules of the road and wear all required safety gear. Remember these important laws when riding a bicycle:

- Bicycle operators or passengers under the age of 16 must wear a helmet.
- A person operating a bicycle on a roadway has the same rights and is subject to the same duties applicable to the operator of a motor vehicle.
- Bicycles are required to have lights and reflective material when used at night.
- A person operating a bicycle upon a roadway at a speed less than the normal speed of traffic moving in the same direction, shall drive to the right portion of the roadway as far as practicable, except when it is unsafe to do so or:
  1. When passing another cyclist.
  2. When preparing to make a left turn.
  3. When proceeding straight where right turns are allowed.
  4. When avoiding a hazard.

The Bicycle Coalition of Maine ([bikemaine.org](http://bikemaine.org)) has a great website that contains useful information for bicycle enthusiasts. Riders can find safety tips, bicycle maintenance tips, bike trails, and more.

Enjoy our time in the warmth because the cold will be back eventually. Have fun and ride safe!

## Town manager

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preparation of the Town budget. The budget needed to be finalized within a week and a half of her start date. Smith stated, "Sometimes as a new manager, it is difficult to know where to start. In my case, there was no question. It also gave me a great opportunity to meet a lot of the staff and discuss many of the Town's issues within a short time frame."

Smith currently resides in Auburn, Maine, with her two sons and two daughters. She plans to relocate to the area by the start of the new school year in September. Smith commented, "My family is excited to become a part of the community and enjoy its natural beauty. I have always said that we are so fortunate to live in a state where so many people strive to visit."

## Town of Kennebunkport Goose Rocks Beach Summer Trash & Recycling Schedule

Trash and recycling collection occurs on Fridays in the Goose Rocks Beach area in the spring, fall and winter.

In the summer, the collection schedule changes to Saturdays as follows:

### SUMMER OF 2014 COLLECTION DAYS

Saturday, June 14, 2014  
through  
Saturday,  
September 6, 2014

The schedule returns to Friday pickup of trash on September 12, 2014, and every other Friday for recycling pick up beginning September 19, 2014.

Hours of collection start at 6:30 a.m.

## REMINDER

The last day to request an absentee ballot for the upcoming election is Thursday June 5, 2014

## Kennebunkport Public Officials

### Board of Selectmen

Chair

Stuart E. Barwise

Vice-Chair

Allen A. Daggett

Patrick A. Briggs

Edward W. Hutchins

Sheila Matthews-Bull

### Town Manager

Laurie A. Smith

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## Town holidays observed

(Town offices closed)

New Year's Day

Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Day

Presidents' Day

Patriots' Day

Memorial Day

Independence Day

Labor Day

Columbus Day

Veterans Day

Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Friday

Christmas



Sue Gesing, Harvey Flashen, and Bob Wester work at Rotary Park at Beachwood during the 2013 Day of Caring.