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A Word of Welcome

Welcome to our premier issue of the *Kennebunkport Town Review*. Our mission is to share information with town residents concerning community events, town projects, and general information that we feel you, as residents, would find of interest.

To start, we plan to publish three editions: fall, winter, and spring/summer. If all goes well and time permits, we hope to publish quarterly editions in the future.

This newsletter is published by the Town of Kennebunkport. If you have any questions or comments, please direct them to the Town Office at 967-4243.

We hope you enjoy this edition.

Reminder To Taxpayers

By Deputy Tax Collector
Pat Wakefield

- Taxes for the 2001 tax year are due September 17, 2001.
- Interest at the rate of 11.5% begins on September 18, 2001.
- This bill covers fiscal year January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2001.
- Taxes are payable at the Town Office, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Please notify your mortgage holder if it will be responsible for payment of this bill.
- Anyone you have an address change, please notify the Kennebunkport Town Office at 207-967-0402.

Town Hires New Contractor for Trash and Recycling Collection Service Some Collection Days to Change

By Solid Waste Committee

Starting the first week of September, Pine Tree Waste will be providing the collection and handling of solid waste and recyclables. Pine Tree Waste submitted one of four proposals to the Town for the next five-year waste and recycling collection contract. The Solid Waste Committee met many times over the past six months deliberating on how to proceed with the proposals that were submitted. In the end, the Committee chose to recommend and the Board of Selectmen agreed to hire Pine Tree Waste. While the Town has been served well by the present contractor, Oceanside Rubbish, the proposal by Pine Tree Waste was excellent. The Pine Tree Waste proposal includes a combination of cost savings and increased recycling opportunities, and the company comes with excellent references.

With a new servicing company, changes naturally will occur. During the first few weeks, the new company will be learning routes and getting used to the way we do business in Kennebunkport. The new company is likely to pick up waste at different times during the day than what has been past practice. Some people get used to having their waste picked up at a certain time, such as after 10 a.m. The new company may pick up earlier or possibly later depending on the company's route selection. The best way to ensure waste and recyclables are picked up is to place them by the curb no later than 7 a.m. the day of the scheduled collection.

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Please Take Notice of the Following Changes

■ Tuesday trash and recycling collection will remain on Tuesday. If your present trash and recycling collection day is Wednesday, it will now be Friday. If your present collection day is Friday, it will now be Thursday. The Goose Rocks summer collection route will change from Thursday to Friday, year round.

■ Through Pine Tree Waste, the Town will continue to collect for recycling: newspapers, magazines, #2 plastics, clear glass, metal and aluminum as well as many new recyclable materials including paperboard, mixed paper, corrugated cardboard, brown glass, and plastic (#1 and #3 through #7). For a more comprehensive guide to recycling, please refer to the Recycling Chart in this newsletter.

Comprehensive Plan Work Now Underway

Surveys Have Been Mailed and Visioning Process to Begin This Fall

By Growth Planning Committee, Jack Senese, chair

The State of Maine requires that all municipalities develop and maintain a Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is a policy document expressing long-term goals and policies for Kennebunkport which will be used to guide the decisions of our town officials and committees. The State has established a deadline of January 2003 for an updated plan to be written and approved by both the citizens of the town and the State Planning Office.

As an initial step in this process, you should have recently received a survey form developed by the

Growth Planning Committee to accumulate your opinions regarding several issues which affect the town. If you haven't already done so, please take the time to complete the survey. This will be followed by a series of open meetings in various sections of town to discuss and expand on these and other issues that may arise.

This year, the State has initiated a new program, termed "Visioning," intended to enhance Comprehensive Plan development by including even more citizen participation. This

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Municipal Building Projects Moving Forward

By Judy Worthen, Robert Sullivan and Nathan Poore

By now, most people have noticed that there is construction activity occurring on North Street. Earlier this summer, the parking lot opened after several weeks of construction that included installation of underground power for future lighting, striping, a new sign and substantial landscaping. Both the Town highway crew and Littlefield Brothers, the general contractor for the parking lot project and new fire station, contributed to the project. Four interior lights will be installed soon along with additional landscaping improvements.

Construction of the new fire station on North Street has begun. Completion of this project is expected by the end of the year.

The addition to the communications facility has also started. Gary Martin was awarded the contract to build an approximate 800 square foot addition that will be the future office for the Public Health Department. This project is expected to be complete by the end of this year.

The town office renovation project is off to a slightly slower start. Earlier in the year, the project was sent out to bid and the Town received only one response. At Town Meeting in March, voters approved additional funding to accommodate the high bid with a strong message that the Town should send the project out to bid again. The second bid process yielded only one response that was higher than the original bid received earlier in the winter. The bid was rejected and the Town is now acting as the project manager through the Code Enforcement Office, where Town employees are contacting individual contractors and subcontractors. By the end of the summer, we should have a construction schedule in place and hope to have the project finished this winter.

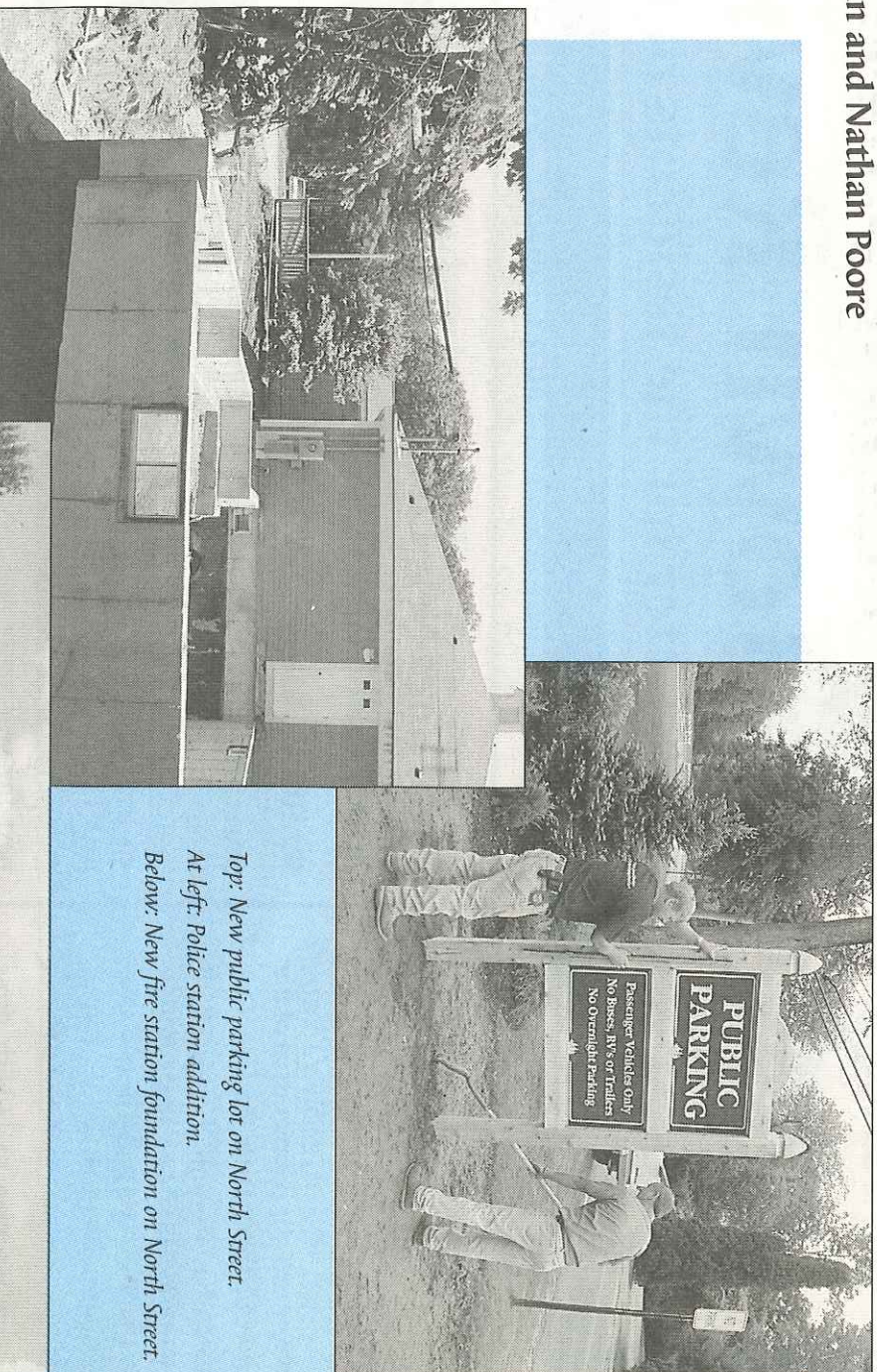


November Election

By Town Clerk April Dufoe

The next election will be on Tuesday, November 6, 2001. It will be a State of Maine Referendum Election. The State ballot will have six bond questions on it. There may or may not be a municipal ballot as well, depending on whether the necessity arises.

If you have any questions, please call me at 967-4243. I am available Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm.



Top: New public parking lot on North Street.
At left: Police station addition.
Below: New fire station foundation on North Street.

Recycling Calendar

OCTOBER

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Special Town Election

Held August 7, 2001

By Town Clerk April Dufoe

A Special Town Meeting of Kennebunkport was held on Tuesday, August 7, 2001, at the American Legion building, 102 Main Street to elect one Selectman to fill the unexpired remainder of the term of office vacated by Kevin Campbell, who resigned July 1, 2001, after five years of service to the Town.

The Special Town Meeting was opened at 8 a.m. by

Town Clerk April Dufoe. After a secret ballot vote, Christian Barner was elected Moderator and duly sworn in. Moderator Barner declared the polls open for voting. The polls were closed at 8 p.m. with 838 votes cast either in person or by absentee ballot. Tabulation of the ballots concluded and at 8:20 p.m. the following results were announced:

Michael J. Brown	434	Votes
Dana O. Dakers	263	Votes
Irving B. Faunce	109	Votes
Write-ins	2	Votes

After the results were announced, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

CONTRACTOR

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A reminder of the present policy: Trash **MUST** be placed at the curb no later than 7 a.m. Covered trash cans must be used. Bulky waste will not be collected curbside. All bulky waste must be delivered to the Sea Road facility in Kennebunk. Trash is picked up every week, and recycling is picked up every other week. The new company will start the week beginning Monday, September 3rd. If your normal collection is scheduled on a day when collection is cancelled due to a severe storm, collection will occur likely on the next day, unless otherwise notified on WCSH, Channel 6. Collection changes due to holidays through the end of the year are as follows: collection scheduled for November 22 (Thanksgiving) will be on Saturday, November 24; collection scheduled for December 25 (Christmas) will be on Monday, December 24; and collection scheduled for January 1, 2002 (New Years) will be on Monday, December 31, 2001. All other collection days during holiday weeks will remain unchanged. In addition to curb side collection, the recycling center on Sea Road in Kennebunk will remain available for recycling drop off and bulky waste disposal.

If anyone has an inquiry or concern about service, please call Pine Tree Waste toll free, at 1-888-857-0800 anytime Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If for some reason, a concern is not handled to your satisfaction, please call the Town Office. We ask for your patience during this transition, and hope that inconveniences will be minimal.

Paving Projects To Begin Late Summer and Completed by the Middle of October

By John Cluff and Nathan Poore

Capital funding from local tax dollars will be focused on paving roads this year. This is somewhat of a shift from the last couple of years when funding was directed toward bridges rather than roads. Pike Industries was awarded the contract in July after a detailed bid process. Specifications were rewritten this year with assistance from the Local Roads Center, which is part of the Maine Department of Transportation.

The total amount budgeted for paving is \$181,447. All other parts of the road improvement capital budget total \$25,050. The total project costs are anticipated to be better than expected during budget development this past winter. Following is a list of projects scheduled for construction this season:

1. Beachwood Avenue, from the

intersection with Old Cape Road to North Street. Drag shim areas and overlay with a 1" lift of MDOT 12.5mm/C mix with an approximate dimension of 2,063' long x 20-22' wide x 1" thick.

2. Beachwood Avenue Extension, from the intersection with Stone Road to Route 9. Drag shim areas and overlay with a 1" lift of MDOT 12.5mm/C mix with an approximate dimension of 1,600' long x 20-22' wide x 1" thick.

3. Guinea Road, from the intersection with Whitten Hill Road to Goose Rocks Road. Drag shim areas and overlay with 1" lift of MDOT 12.5mm/C mix with an approximate dimension of 5,700' long x 20-22' wide x 1" thick.

4. Oak Ridge Road, from the Biddeford Town line to a point

1,100' beyond the town line and from the intersection with Goose Rocks Road to a point beyond said intersection as far as funding will permit (2,000' to 3,000'). Paving to include finish grade work and application of a 2" lift of MDOT 19.0mm/B mix with an approximate total dimension of 3,000' 4,000' long x 18-20' wide x 2" thick.

5. Whitten Hill Road, from the intersection with Goose Rocks Road to Guinea Road. Reclaim entire project area to a depth of 6". Paving to include finish grade work and application of a 2" lift of MDOT 19.0mm/B mix with an approximate dimension of 6,955' long x 18-20' wide x 2" thick.

Please call Nathan Poore at the town office or John Cluff at the highway garage with any questions about these projects.

Emergency Response 9-1-1

By Chief of Police Robert F. Sullivan and Fire Administrator James E. Burrows

This is the first article combined from three of your town departments: Police, Communications & Fire. The thrust of this article is the importance for you as a property owner to have your house number: a) on your residence, and b) in a location that is easily visible.

It can be very stressful if you, a loved one, neighbor or stranger has the immediate need of police, fire or medical services. When you call communications at 9-1-1 with your request, your address appears with your call. The communications officer will ask you if you are calling from the location that appears on the screen. So far so good.

When you request service, each minute that you are waiting seems like an hour, and you keep asking yourself, where are they? Rest assured, they are on their way and will come to your assistance faster if you have put a number on your house that the responders can see from the road. This practice ensures the fastest response from any of the Town's emergency services.

There is nothing more stressful to the responder who wants to help, than when they cannot find you. If you are calling for a minor problem, realistically it probably will not matter very much. However, if someone

is having a heart attack and not breathing, or has suffered a major trauma, every second counts! The same holds true if there is a fire at your residence — the sooner the fire department gets there, the better off you are.

Please help us help you — put your house number on your residence where it can be seen. If you have forgotten your house number, or have just moved in, please contact Mr. Jim Burrows, the fire administrator, at 967-2114, and he will be glad to assist you.

Also, please do not call 9-1-1 for any circumstance other than emergencies. There are other telephone numbers available for non-emergency use. They are 967-2700 and 967-2454.

There are two exceptions to this policy:

First, if you are teaching a child how to call 9-1-1 for an emergency, feel free to do so — PROVIDING you call one of the non-emergency numbers first and let the communications officer know you will be calling 9-1-1.

Second, if you are programming a new telephone and want to test it, please call one of the non-emergency numbers first and let the Communications Officer know you

will be calling 9-1-1.

This practice will help you and will also help us in verifying if your address information in the 9-1-1 database is correct.

Enhanced 9-1-1 is a great tool. Let us use it for the purpose for which it was designed!

Ocean Avenue Roadway Projects Coming This Fall

By Nathan Poore and John Cluff

Several projects will be completed this fall. Lords Bridge over Chick's Creek is scheduled to have the deck replaced. Just down the road toward the Nonantum, a catch basin will be added and another replaced. Vehicle travel will be reduced to one lane and traffic will be detoured one to two days during a critical stage of the bridge rehabilitation.

Approximately 1,100 to 1,200 feet of sidewalk will be reconstructed from a point near Summit Avenue and then to a point 1,100 to 1,200 feet south-

west toward the Colony Inn. The existing concrete curbing and asphalt surface will be replaced with granite curb and new asphalt. Pedestrians are urged to avoid walking in this area while the project is under construction. The sidewalk will be completely closed during all phases of work and there is no room for pedestrians on the other side of Ocean Avenue. This project is scheduled to last approximately two weeks.

We appreciate everyone's patience during this period of construction.

WHAT TO BRING

Unneeded household hazardous waste in sealed containers (use original containers when possible)

- Antifreeze
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- Mercury Containing Products (Thermostats, Thermometers)
- Oil Based Paints
- Stains, Thinners, and Strippers
- Solvents & Varnishes
- Adhesives, Glues, and Resins
- Waste Fuels, (Kerosene, Gasoline)
- Engine Degreaser, Brake Fluid
- Transmission Fluid
- Poisons, Insecticides, Weed Killers
- Wood Preservatives
- Hobby Supplies, Artists Supplies
- Photo Chemicals, Chemistry Sets
- Cleaners, Spot Removers
- Swimming Pool Chemicals
- Dry Cell Batteries • Aerosol Cans
- Pesticides • Nicad Batteries
- Hearing Aid (Button) Batteries
- Used Motor Oil • Propane Tanks

Town of Kennebunkport Residential Household Hazardous Waste Day

For Residents of the Town of Kennebunkport in conjunction with the Town of Kennebunk

It's time to bring the skeletons out of your closet! Safety Kleen will help you banish the evil spirits that haunt your closet, basement, and garage.

DATE: Saturday, October 27, 2001
TIME: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
PLACE: Kennebunk Public Works, Sea Road
COST: No charge for first 10 gallons. Please call the Town Office for charges above 10 gallons.

To Ensure Safety, Please:

Tighten caps and lids leaving materials in original labeled containers. Pack containers in sturdy upright boxes and pad with newspaper. Sort and pack separately: paint, pesticides, household cleaners. NEVER MIX CHEMICALS! Pack your vehicle and go directly to the site. NEVER SMOKE while handling hazardous materials. DO NOT PLACE WASTE IN A GARBAGE BAG

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- LATEX PAINT (pop top, let dry, throw in trash)
- Asbestos
- Smoke Detectors
- Compressed Gas Cylinders
- Ammunition, Fireworks, Explosives (Police Dept)
- Prescription Medicines, Syringes (Hospitals)
- Commercial or Industrial Waste
- Infectious & Biological Waste (Hospitals)
- Radioactive Waste
- Fire Extinguishers (Fire Dept)
- Tires (Transfer Station)
- Lead Acid Batteries (car batteries) (Transfer Station)
- Propane Cylinders (Transfer Station)

NO COMMERCIAL BUSINESS WASTE WILL BE ACCEPTED

CONVENIENT DRIVE-UP SERVICE
 You never have to leave your car. Proof of residence OR property ownership required (Driver's License or Tax Bill)

Kennebunkport Public Health Department

By Judy Worthen

There are over 200,000 Maine residents that qualify for the new State of Maine reduced rate prescription drug program, HEALTHY MAINE PRESCRIPTIONS. Could you be one? Contact the Public Health Office at 967-4401 or drop in and pick up an application. Enroll now and start saving up to 25% on your prescriptions at participating pharmacies. The Healthy Maine Prescription application is very simple to complete. The nursing staff is very happy to assist with any questions.

Are you a parent of a child under the age of 18 that is not covered for health insurance? Please contact the Public Health Department to obtain

an application for the State of Maine's Cub Care Program. Even if you are a working parent, your child may qualify for this assistance. All of Maine's children deserve a healthy and happy childhood.

The Public Health Office is still collecting used wireless phones for the Call to Protect Program. This nationwide program is sponsored by a number of corporations. The phones are repaired and distributed to victims of domestic abuse. The phones are programmed for 911 and one other contact number. The monthly phone fees are also covered by the program.

The Kennebunkport Public Health Department and Southern Maine Area Agency of Aging sponsors a Senior Meal Site twice monthly. This noontime lunch takes place on the first and third Monday of

the month, at the First Congregational Church on North Street. Please call the Public Health Office for more menu choices. Entertainment, BINGO and door prizes are provided.

PLAN

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program is an interactive workshop consisting of two 3-hour sessions, which will give citizens the opportunity to express what they value about KPT and to develop consensus on what they want to change, create, or preserve in the

future. All residents and/or taxpayers will be urged to sign up for this workshop which is now tentatively scheduled for sometime in October. We particularly wish to be certain that all sectors of the community are represented. Additional details about the schedule will be published later.

Curbside Recycling Reference Chart

Items to be picked up starting September 3, 2001

Items

Recycle these items

How to prepare items

Exclude these items

GLASS

- * brown and clear
- * glass bottles and jars

- * rinse clean
- * remove lids
- * co-mingle in bin

- * no broken jars or bottles * no light bulbs
- * no drinking glasses * no ceramics or china
- * no window glass * no green glass

PLASTICS #1-7

- * plastics numbered 1 through 7

- * clean containers
- * flatten to save space
- * co-mingle in bin

- * no plastic bags, even if they are identified as #2 plastic
- * no motor oil or hazardous waste containers
- * no food waste left in cans

METAL and TIN CANS

- * tin cans * aluminum cans
- * empty paint cans
- * aerosol cans
- * aluminum foil and plates

- * empty and clean containers
- * do not put in sharp lids (unless crushed in can)
- * co-mingle in bin

- * no food waste left in cans

PAPER

- * mixed paper
- * junk mail
- * pressed board (cereal boxes etc.)
- * office paper

- * bundle together (placed in paper bags works well)

- * do not use plastic bags to bundle paper

NEWSPAPER and MAGAZINES

- * newspapers * catalogues
- * magazines * telephone books

- * bundle together (placed in paper bags works well)

- * do not use plastic bags to bundle paper

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

- * corrugated boxes

- * flatten and cut up to size no larger than 4 ft by 4 ft

- * If wet outside, wait until next recycling day

RETURNABLE BOTTLES

- * ME DEPOSIT ONLY

- * rinse clean * remove lids
- * co-mingle in bin
- * Bottles must have ME deposit label - check wine bottles