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Fall/Winter 200

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE December 11, 2001

Kennebunkport: To the voters of

You are hereby notified that a Special Town Meeting of this municipality will be held at the Consolidated School, 25 School Street, in said town on Tuesday evening, the 11th day of December, 2001 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of acting on Articles 1 - 54 as set forth in the Town Warrant, which appears in its entirety on pages 3 & 4 of this newsletter.

This newsletter will serve as the **official notification** of this Special Town Meeting as required by the Town of Kennebunkport's Administrative Code, Article VI, Section 6.2.

If you have any questions, call April Dufoe, Town Clerk at 967-4243.

Collection Schedule Holiday Trash

days will remain the same. on Monday, December 24. Trash collection scheduled for Tuesday, January 1, 2002, will be picked up on Monday, December 31, 2001. All other collection Trash collection scheduled for Tuesday, December 25, 2001, will be picked up

Holiday Schedule Town Office

The Town Office will be closed December 24, and 25, 2001, a January 1, 2002. d on and

By Town Manager Nathan Poore Highway Retired November Superintendent John Police Department. He was very accommodating. He would put aside his own work to assist us on IST Cluff,

unexpected would occur. when something

I met John Cluff a couple of months before starting my position as Town Manager in the fall of 2000. It wasn't long after I had decided to take on the position that John informed me he planned on retiring soon. John's position as the leader of the Highway Department was a key position in the Town and I wasn't prepared to accept his decision to retire, especially so soon after my

acceptance of the opportunity to work for the Town. John agreed to stay on through the winter and possibly a little longer. I am very grateful for his decision to provide the Town with one more year of public service. It was during a time in his life when there were many demands on him both personally and professionally. He didn't have to stay but he recognized that the Town needed

We wish John and his family well and thank him for his dedication to the Town of Kennebunkport. Most importantly, good luck fishing!



Retired Highway Superintendent, John Cluff.

his supposed retirement with the Maine Department of Transportation, where he worked for 30 years. John's experience and knowledge will be missed and we all wish him the best in his retirement. John Cluff retired as Highway Superintendent on November 1st after 12 years on the job. He started working for the Town shortly after

John was always available to assist other departments. According to Police Chief Robert Sullivan, "You could contact him after he had been out plowing for two days and he would still respond to assist the

John Hirst, Kennebunkport's New Highway Superintendent

By Town Manager Nathan Poore

Town or the Highway Department. He has been employed by the Town for the past 14 years on the Highway Department and has lived in Kennebunkport all of his life. Before joining the Highway Department team in October of 1987, Mr. Hirst was employed by Ralph D. Brown and Sons, and Blue Rock Industries. According to the interview team, Mr. Hirst was chosen based on his road construction John Hirst was recently appointed to the position of Highway Superintendent. Mr. Hirst replaces John Cluff who retired November and maintenance qualifications, character, work ethic, management 1st after 12 years on the job. John Hirst is not unfamiliar with the abilities and proven experience

ing and demanding position. In addition to the routine and sometimes not so routine functions of the Highway Department, Mr. Hirst will initially concentrate his Mr. Hirst will be facing a challeng-

efforts on planning future work and the development of appropri-ate safety procedures. We wish John well in his new position and welcome him to the leadership



New Highway Superintendent, John Hirst.

New Tax Billing Schedule

By Deputy Tax Collector Pat Wakefield

In March of 2001, Kennebunkport voters acted to change the Town's fiscal period from January 1 through December 31, to July 1 through June 30. The purpose of this notice is to inform you of new due dates for the upcoming year.

Property taxes will be billed around mid-January, 2002, to fund the sixmonth interim budget, January 1, 2002, through June 30, 2002, and provide for the change in the fiscal year. The due date for this bill will be on or about March 1, 2002.

Kennebunkport voters will adopt a full year budget in June to cover the new fiscal year period of July 1, 2002, through June 30, 2003. In March of

will be billed semiannually beginning with the fiscal period starting July 1, 2002. The first bill will be mailed to you in mid-July and will be due on or about September 1, 2002. The second billing will be mailed in mid-January and will be due on or about March 1, 2003. If you are away during the winter months, for convenience, you may want to consider paying your bill for the full year in the fall.

If you escrow your taxes, please notify your bank or lending institution of this change as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please call the Town Office at 967-4243, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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By Judy Worthen, R.N., B.S. Helene Hamel, R.N., B.S.N.

Hu Vaccine

early March. Now is the time to visit the Kennebunkport Public Health your yearly dose of Flu Vaccine. Office or your local doctor to receive In Maine, the influenza season tradi-tionally peaks from late December to Kennebunkport

Influenza is a highly contagious respiratory infection that is spread when chills, fatigue, head and body aches the common cold These complaints are more severe than people cough or sneeze. Flu

If you should get the Flu, getting plenty of rest is the most important treatment. You should stay put until the fever is gone. You will not have much of an appetite. It is especially important that you stay well hydrated. We recommend water, juice, ginger ale and other beverages with calories in them. Also include clear soups, flagelatin and flavored ice pops in

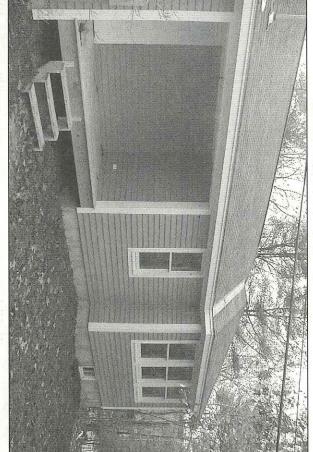
aches and fever. Aspirin has been linked to Reye's syndrome in children. Your physician may prescribe an antibiotic if a bacterial infection is also present. There are new medications such as Relenza and Tamiflu available to shorten or decrease the intensity of symptoms if taken during acetaminophen to relieve the

susceptible concerns. Children, the elderly those with chronic illnesses are Public Health Office if you have further concerns. Children, the elderly and are covered under Medicare B. susceptible to complications from Influenza. Flu and Pneumonia Vaccines Please do not hesitate to contact the and

Anthrax and Smallpox News

to treatment is to be treated at early onset. The early symptoms of inhalation anthrax resemble the flu. Public Health officials request that we do not panic. We are urged to assess our risks of exposure and to contact our health care provider if we have any concerns. Please follow the United States Postal It does not spread from person to person. There are a number of antibiotics that effectively treat or prevent this infection once one is exposed. The key bunkport, are not isolated from the threats of biological agents. Currently the episodes of anthrax involvement are scarce. Anthrax is not contagious. available in the Public Health Office. September dramatically. events guidelines concerning suspi-ems in the mail. Copies are 11th. of have We, and changed Ξ, following Kenne-

for residents. Smallpox is spread from person to person by infected saliva. is about 12 days. Routine immuniza-tion against smallpox ended in 1972 Exposure to Smallpox is also a concern The incubation period from exposure



New Public Health offices are nearly complete.

of any biological incident. York County hospitals are well prepared to meet any emergency. Do not hesitate to contact our office if you have any questions or concerns. state and local governments have resources readily available in the event Vaccination against smallpox at this time. Federal is not

Rent Refund Programs Property Tax and

Rent Refund Programs. December 31st is the deadline to apply. Pick up an application at the Public Health Office or with Lorraine Brooks in the pleting this application, please give us a call. We can help. Residents still have time to apply for the State of Maine Property Tax and Rent Refund Programs. December State of Maine Low Cost Drug Program for the Elderly or Disabled. If you should need assistance with com-Assessing Department. This single application is also applicable for the State of Maine Low Cost Drug

Federal Fuel Assistance

an appointment. Gloria is the out-reach worker for Kennebunkport. She is assisting with fuel applications in the Public Health Office and at homes Federal Fuel Assistance Program. Contact Gloria Mayo at 283-2402 for an appointment Gloria is the out-York County Community Action is again taking applications for the of the homebound a number of taking applications il Fuel Assistance

Community Programs

The holiday season is upon us. There are a large number of programs in our community that help make Kennebunkport a nicer place to live for all

Program is again providing holiday baskets for residents in need. For more information, please contact our office Church Community holiday

gift Arundel, Arundel, bunkport. Se Office. Please take a tag, purchase the gift and return it to a Secret Santa tree. Please, include the tag with the gift. Secret Santa serves families in Kennebunkport residents should be Ξ. look out for the Secret Santa n area banks and the Town Kennebunk and Kenne-. Secret Santa applications ch Town Office. Parents or

legal guardians are to complete these

Number 20 Winter Clothing Drive.

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Dave Billings, the Cape Porpoise

Harbor Master, is the chair for this

project. All articles of used or new
winter clothing are needed. The clothing will be donated to Salvation Army Again this year, the Kennebunkport Public Health Office is a collection site throughout Maine and distributed to needy residents

our loan closet. We have commodes, walkers, canes, shower chairs, etc. These items are offered free to all Kennebunkport residents. The availability of these items may help your guests have a safe visit in guests have Kennebunkport. remind you that Kennebunkport Public Health has an extensive collec-tion of home medical equipment in family members and guests visiting during the holidays. We would like to Many of our residents will be having family members and guests visiting

Senior Meal Site

All Kennebunkport seniors are invited to join us at the Senior Meal site on the first and third Monday of the month. The noontime lunch is held at the First Congregational Church on North Street

Recreation van will be leaving the First Church on North Street at 11:15 a.m. A noontime luncheon will follow at enjoy holiday decorations at the Nott House. The Kennebunkport Parks and On December 3, seniors are invited to

entertain us, with music from the '40s On December 17, back by popular demand, the Generation Gap will

days. Announcements regarding the cancellation of Southern Maine Area Agency on Aging events are made on closed on holidays as well as snow Please remember that the meal site is radio and television channels

The Kennebunkport Public Health staff and Board of Volunteers joins us in wishing you all a very happy and healthy holiday season.

April Dufoe By Town Clerk Your Dog Register Ime 10

State unless the dog has been licensed. Each owner of a dog that is six months of age or older must obtain a license from the Town Clerk in the Town where the dog is kept by December 31st each year. The fee to license your dog is \$7.50 if the dog is capable of producing young, or \$4.00 if the dog has been spayed or neutered. to renew your dog's license. According to the laws of the State of Maine, a dog may not be kept anywhere within the limits of the It's that time of year again! Time to renew your dog's license.

license your dog, you must bring with you proof that the dog has been immunized against rabies from a Maine veterinarian. Also, if the dog is incapable of producing young, you must bring with you the dog's Certificate of Neutering that was provided by the veterinarian after the surgery. When you come to Town Hall to

Another State rule is that the municipal tag with a valid year sticker on the back and the rabies tag obtained from your veterinarian must be securely attached to the dog's collar and that collar must be If you apply for the dog's license after January 31st, a late fee of \$5.00, in addition to the annual license fee, will be charged. The late fee increases to \$10.00 after the municipal warrant for unlicensed dogs is issued.

Come early and avoid waiting in line. The Town Clerk's hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 So don't wait until the last minute worn at all times by the dog.

Monday A.M. - 4: day through 4:30 P.M.

By Police Chief Parking Winter Ban

parking ban to prevent parking on the street. This practice makes it easier for the highway department to plow and sand the streets efficiently. It will also save you money as the parking tickets Reminder to all residents of the "Winter Parking Ban". Starting December 1 until April 15, from 12 a.m. to 6 a.m., the Town has a winter for violations are \$25.00. Robert Sullivan

TOWN OF KENNEBUNKPORT

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TOWN WARRANT

State of Maine

GREETINGS: To: April Dufoe, a resident of the Town of Kennebunkport, the County of York, State of Maine. Ξ.

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Kennebunkport in said County of the Town Meeting described in this warrant. To the voters of Kennebunkport: You are hereby notified that the Special Town Meeting of this municipality will be held in the auditorium of the Consolidated School building in said Town on Tuesday, the Eleventh day of December A.D. 2001, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening for the purpose of acting on Articles numbered one (1) through fifty-four (54) as set out below.

The Registrar of Voters will be available to accept the registration of any person eligible to vote, to accept new enrollments, and to make any necessary correction or change to any name or address on the voting list.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any property acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes pursuant to policies adopted by the Selectmen, as may be amended from time to time, the policies to remain consistent with State statutes and laws. In all cases conveyance to be made by municipal quit claim deed.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the advice and approval of the Municipal Officers on behalf of the Town, to waive the foreclosure in the York County Registry of Deeds for any real estate title to which they deem not in the best financial interest of the Town to hold, said authorization to waive not to prevent the Town Treasurer, with the advice and approval of the Municipal Officers, from later foreclosing on said tax lien pursuant to law, as they deem advice and approval of the Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to make taxes due and payable upon presentation and that eleven and one half percent (11.50%) per year be charged on all real and personal property taxes unpaid after March 1, 2002, or 45 days after the alart of commitment if the date of commitment is later

than January 15, 2002

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the town on abated taxes at nine and one half percent (9.50%) per cent for the fiscal year.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of Town owned personal property and to set a maximum value of \$35,000 for each item and for such authority to be in effect January 1, 2002.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. ss. 506.

Article 8. Shall an ordinance entitled "December 2001 Amendment to the Town of Kennebunkport Administrative Code to amend section 12.9.r" be enacted?

1.2.9 Enumeration of Responsibilities

where appropriate: To the extent permitted by State law and consistent with the inter-local agreements between Arundel. Kennebunk and Kennebunkport, to adopt regulations for the management of the Kennebunk River and Cape Porpoise Harbor and to delegate to the respective harbormaster the power to make such further regulations as may be necessary for the proper usage of those waterways, such regulation and management of the Kennebunk River to be conducted in conjunction with other towns, where appropriate: (Note: Additions are underlined and deletions are struck out.) the proper usage of those waterways, such regula-tion and management of the Kennebunk River to be conducted in conjunction with other towns,

[Note of Explanation: This revision will incorporate into the Administrative Code the inter-local agreements between Arundel, Kennebunk, and Kennebunkport.]

Article 9. Shall an ordinance circum. Amendment to the Town of Kennebunkport Code to add section 1.2.9.w" be enacted? "December Administrative 2001

To appoint members of Boards and Committees as provided herein but not to direct or attempt to

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direct the Board of Zoning Appeals or the Planning Board in their decision making on the appeals and applications before them:

(Note: Additions are <u>underlined</u> and deletions are struck out.) [Note of Explanation: This revision will prohibit Selectmen from directing Board of Zoning Appeals or the Planning Board in their decision-making.]

Article 10. Shall an ordinance entitled "December 2001 Amendment to the Town of Kennebunkport Administrative Code to amend section 1.2.12" be enacted?

1.2.12 Meeting Procedure

The Board of Selectmen shall hold a regular meeting the second and fourth Thursday evenings of each month at the Town Offices or such other times and places as the Selectmen shall announce in the agenda of their meeting. Special meetings may be held on the call of the Chairman or any member upon no less than twelve (12) hours notice to each member of the Board, whenever possible. Emergency meetings of the Board of Selectmen may be called at any time by the Chairman or by any member of the Board. Any action taken at any such emergency meeting by a quorum present thereat shall be deemed the lawful action of the Board of Selectmen. All meetings of the Board of Selectmen shall be open to the public, reserving to the Board of Selectmen the right to recess for the purpose of holding discussion in an executive session, as permitted by state statutes, provided the general subject matter for consideration is expressed in the motion calling for executive session and that any final action taken by the Board be taken in public session. The Selectmen shall keep minutes of their proceedings, which minutes shall be available to the public in the town office. Voting, except on procedural motions, shall be by ayes and nays and shall be recorded in the minutes of the Board of Selectmen. Three (3) members of the Board of Selectmen shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business. A majority of the Board to pass a motion. needed to pass a motion

(Note: Additions are <u>underlined</u> and deletions are struck out.)

[Note of Explanation: This revision will require a majority of the full Board of Selectman to pass any motion.]

Article 11. Shall an ordinance entitled "December 2001 Amendment to the Town of Kennebunkport Administrative Code to add section 2.5" be enacted?

2.5. ELECTRONIC MAIL POLICY

Use of the electronic mail (e-mail) by members of any Kennebunkport Board or Committee should conform to the same standards of judgment, propriety and ethics as other forms of Board or Committee related communication. All Board and Committee members shall comply with the following guidelines when using e-mail in the conduct of Board or Committee humans

- Boards and Committees shall not use e-mail as a substitute for deliberations at meetings or for other communications or business properly confined to
- 6 Board and Committee members should be aware that e-mail and e-mail attachments received or prepared for use in Board or Committee business or containing information relating to Board or M.R.S.A. §401 et seq). containing information relating to Board or Committee business are public records which may be inspected by any person upon request, unless made confidential by Maine's Right to Know Law (1)
- c. Board or Committee members should avoid reference to confidential information about employees, personnel or other matters in e-mail communications because of the risk of improper disclosure. All board and committee members should comply with the same standards as Town employees with regard to confidential information

when using electronic mail.] [Note of Explanation: (Note: Additions are <u>underlined</u> and deletions are This revision will establish policy

Amendment to the Town of Kennebunkport Administrative Code to amend section 3.6" be enacted? 12. Shall an ordinance entitled "December 2001

3.6 HARBOR MASTERS

shall annually appoint Hark

County of York,

Duties

management of the respective enforcement of any municipal ordinations, any other duties specified factories, or by federal or state state. of the Harbor Masters shall be the effective ent of the respective harbors and the ent of any municipal ordinances relating to specified by t the Board of

3.6.1 CAPE PORPOISE HARBORMASTER

The Board of Selectmen shall annually appoint a Harbormaster for Cape Porpoise Harbor. The duties of the Cape Porpoise Harbormaster shall be the effective management of Cape Porpoise Harbor, Goose Rocks Beach and Turbat's Creek and for the enforcement of any municipal ordinance relating to harbors and any other duties specified by the Board of Selectmen or by Federal or State Statute.

3.6.2 KENNEBUNK RIVER HARBORMASTER

The Harbormaster for the Kennebunk River is appointed annually by the Boards of Selectmen of Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, and Arundel. Certain duties and responsibilities of this office are prescribed by Title 38, M.R.S.A. The Harbormaster has the additional duty to administer and enforce the provisions of the Kennebunk River Committee Ordinance with the authority granted by law and through his appointment as Harbormaster.

ter. [Note of Explanation: This revision will distinguish the two harbormaster positions and reference the River Committee Ordinance with respect to the Kennebunk River harbormas-(Note: Additions are <u>underlined</u> and deletions are struck out.)

Article 13. Shall an ordinance entitled "December 2001 Amendment to the Town of Kennebunkport Administrative Code to amend sections 4.15 and 4.16" be enacted?

4.15 RESIDENCY QUALIFICATION RIVER COMMITTEE

All persons appointed to I this Article IV shall be regi istered voters in the Town of

Agreement among Arundel, kennebunkport, and Kennebunk, shall be responsible for all Kennebunk River harbor activities as set forth in the Agreement, the Kennebunk River Committee Ordinance and as otherwise required by law.

Additions are <u>underlined</u> and deletions are struck out.)

4.16 REMOVAL OF APPOINTEES TO A BOARD COMMITTEE QUALIFICATION AND REMOVAL

4.16.1 Residence Qualification

All persons appointed to boards and committees under Article IV shall be registered voters in the Town of Kennebunkport and shall continue to serve only so long as they remain registered voters.

4.16.42 Removal of Appointees to a Board or Committee

A vacancy on any board or committee may occur by the following means: non-acceptance, death, resignation, permanent disability or incompetency incompetence, failure to qualify for the office within 10 days after written demand by the Board of Selectmen, removal from office in any manner provided by law, and forfeiture of office as provided in this Administrative Code.

- **4.16.23** Appointees to a board or committee shall forfeit their office if they:
- a. Lack at any time during their term of office qualifications for the office prescribed by Administrative Code or by the Constitution Laws of the State of Maine;

- b. Violate any express prohibition of this Code;
 c. Are convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for more than 30 days whether or not such imprisonment actually occurs;
 d. With respect to all boards or committees other than the Board of Selectmen, fail to attend the greater of three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the board or commission or more than 25% of all meetings within any 6 month period, unless such absences are determined not to be grounds for forfeiture pursuant to Section 4.16.3;
- e. Fail to disclose a conflict of interest; f. Fail to perform the duties of the offi duties of the office 0

4.16.34 Determination of Forfeiture

The determination of whether a forfeiture has occurred shall be made by the Board of Selectmen by appropriate proceedings of a judicial nature and after written notice and hearing. After receipt of such written notice, where the reason of alleged forfeiture is failure to attend the requisite number of meetings, the six month period for determining whether the member failed to attend the requisite percentage of all meetings shall end on the date of such written notice, and no subsequent meetings may be included in determining whether a forfeiture has occurred. Notice of the hearing shall be given to all other individuals who are members of the board or committee at the time the alleged grounds for forfeiture occurred. The determination of when a vacancy exists shall be made by the Board of Selectmen no later than its next regularly scheduled meeting. Upon such determination, a vacancy shall be deemed to "occur" for purposes of filling such vacancy ing such vacancy.

4.16.45 Attendance a. The failure of

- a. The failure of an appointed board or committee member to attend the greater of three consecutive regular meetings of the board or commission or more than 25% of all meetings within any six month period shall not result in forfeiture of office if the Board of Selectmen determines that the absences were justified and that forfeiture is not in the best interests of the Town. In making this determination, the Board of Selectmen shall consider all relevant evidence, including but not limited to the following:

 (i) whether the reason for the absence was within or beyond the board/committee members control;
- (ii) whether the absence interfered with the effi-cient operational functioning of the board or com-
- mittee;
 (iii) whether the board/committee member could have given advance notice;
 (iv) the attendance history of the board/commit-
- b. The board/committee member shall have the burden of establishing by a preponderance of the evidence that the absences were justified and forfeiture is not in the best interests of the Town.

4.16.56 Filling a Vacancy

When a vacancy occurs in any appointed Town office or position, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy within 60 days. (Note: Additions are underlined and deletions are struck out.) [Note of Explanation: This revision will have the effect of moving the residency qualifications of Board and Committee members to section 4.16 and add a new section 4.15 that will establish the River Committee. This revision will also include renumbering section 4.16 and add titles to each subsection.] Article 14: Shall an ordinance entitled "December 2001 Amendment to the Town of Kennebunkport Administrative Code to add section 4.18" be enacted?

A quorum shall consist of the majority of the full membership of a board or committee. A simple majority of the full membership (not a majority of the quorum) is needed to pass a motion. For purposes of this section, full membership shall mean the regular membership of a board or committee not including alternate members unless alternate member(s) are designated regular members in the absence or disqualification of any regular members. Alternate members, when there are alternate members, of any board or committee may participate in proceedings but may only vote when designated as a voting member by the Chair to act for a member who is unable to vote because of absence or disqualification.

(Note: Additions are <u>underlined</u> and deletions are struck out.)
[Note of Explanation: This revision will require a majority of the full membership of Boards and Committees to pass any motion. It also describes the function of alternate memany motion.

ing special am entertainment. Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish written regulations governing special amusement permits for music, dancing, and authorize the

Selectmen recommend adoption of this article.

Article 16. To see what sum the To appropriate for the Administration the Town will vote to raise and

Amount requested: \$234,004 (Selectmen and Board recommend the amount requested.)

Article 17. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Assessing account.

Amount requested: \$38,132 (Selectmen and Budget Board recommend the amount requested.)

Article 18. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Code Enforcement account.

and Budget

Board recommend the amount requested.)
Article 19. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Planning account.
Amount requested: \$7,575 (Selectmen and Budget Board recommend the amount requested.) the Town will vote to

Article 20. To see what sum the Town will vo appropriate for the Town Officers account.

Amount requested: \$33,820 (Selectmen) Amount requested: \$33,820 (Selectmen Board recommend the amount requested.) and Budget

Article 21. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Zoning Board of Appeals account.

Amount requested: \$300 (Selectmen and Budget Board recommend the amount requested.)

Article 22. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Budget Board account.

Amount requested: \$2,000 (Selectmen and Budget Board recommend the amount requested.)

Article 23. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Conservation Commission account.

Amount requested: \$550 (Selectmen and Budget Board recommend the amount requested.)

Article 24. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Growth Planning Committee account. Amount requested: \$13,800 (Selectmen and Budget Board recommend the amount requested.)

Article 25. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Legal Fees account.

Amount requested: \$27,500 (Selectmen and Budget Board recommend the amount requested.)

Article 26. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Insurance account.

Amount requested: \$74,096 (Selectmen and Budget Board recommend the amount requested.)

Article 27. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Community Development account.

Amount requested: \$7,840 (Selectmen and Budget Board recommend the amount requested.)

Article 28. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Police Department account.

Amount requested: \$397,080 (Selectmen and Budget Board recommend the amount requested.)

Article 29. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Communications Department account.

Amount requested: \$122,874 (Selectmen and Budget Board recommend the amount requested.)

Article 30. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Bus Reservation account.

Amount requested: \$5,279 (Selectmen and Budget Board recommend the amount requested.)

Article 31. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Services account.

Amount requested: \$5,879 (Selectmen and Budget Board recommend the amount requested.)

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Amount requested: \$5,879 (Selectmen and Budget Board recommend the amount requested.)

Article 33. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Services account.

Amount requested: \$5,860 (Selectmen and Budget Board recommend the amount requested.)

Article 33. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Utilities account.

Amount requested: \$77,248, (Selectmen and Budget Board recommend the amount requested.)

Article 34. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Solid Waste account.

Amount requested: nt requested: \$158,303 (Selectmen recommend the amount requested.) and Budger

Article 35. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Road Department account.

Amount requested: \$189,255 (Selectmen and Budget Board recommend the amount requested.)

Article 36. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Mechanic Department account.

Amount requested: \$32,982 (Selectmen and Budget Board recommend the amount requested.)

Article 37. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Conservation Shade Tree account.

Amount requested: \$12,500 (Selectmen and Budget Board recommend the amount requested.) Article 37.

Article 38. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Forest account.

Amount requested: \$500 (Selectmen and Budget Board recommend the amount requested.)

Article 39. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Shellfish Conservation account.

Amount requested: \$100 (Selectmen and Budget Board recommend the amount requested.)

Budget

Article 40. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise an appropriate for the Health Department account.

Amount requested: \$49,610 (Selectmen and Budge Board recommend the amount requested.)

Article 41. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise an appropriate for the Welfare account. the Town will vote to raise and Budget

Amount requested: \$4,643 (Selectmen and Budget Board reconumend the amount requested.)

Article 42. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Recreation Department account.

Amount requested: \$74,297 (Selectmen and Budget Board recommend the amount requested.)

Article 43. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Libraries account.

Amount requested: \$45,000 (Selectmen and Budget Board recommend the amount requested.)

Article 44. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Youth Aid Services account.

Amount requested: \$9,829 (Selectmen and Budget Board recommend the amount requested.)

Article 45. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Miscellaneous Agencies account.

Amount requested: \$15,450 (Selectmen and Budget Board recommend the amount requested.)

Amount requested: \$36,234 (Selectmen and Budget Board recommend the amount requested.)

Article 47. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Capital Improvements account.

Amount requested: \$44,570 (Selectmen and Budget Board recommend the amount requested.) Article 46. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the payment of Bonds, Notes and Interest.

Article 48. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a Contingency account for unanticipated expenses of the Town's operation.

Amount requested: \$20,000 (Selectmen and Budget Board recommend the amount requested.)

Article 49. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the County Tax reserve account.

Amount requested: \$250,000 (Selectmen and Budget Board recommend the amount requested.)

Article 50. To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to use from undesignated fund balance in Fiscal Year 2001 and to authorize the Selectmen to use said funds for contingency associated with severe winter conditions in 2001 and unanticipated expenses related to employee retirement settlements.

Amount requested: \$15,000 (Selectmen and Board recommend the amount requested.) Budget

Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$741,418 from estimated non-property tax revenues to reduce the property tax commitment, together with all categories of funds, which may be available from the federal government.

The Selectmen and Budget Board recommend adoption of this article.

Article 52. Shall the Town vote to accept the following categories of funds as provided by the State of Maine: Municipal Revenue Sharing, Educational Certification Block Grant, Educational Tax Relief Grant, Public Library State Aid, Urban Rural Road Initiative Program, Civil Emergency Funds, Snowmobile Registration Funds, Tree Growth Reimbursement, General Assistance Reimbursement, Veterans Exemption Reimbursement, Department of Economic & Community Development Grant Program, Maine Emergency Management Agency, Homestead Exemption Reimbursement, and all other state grants and funds?

Selectmen recommend adoption of this article.

Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept unconditional and conditional gifts of money or property on behalf of the Town, other than gifts of sewer extensions, subject to ratification by the Town at an annual or special town meeting held within one year of the Selectmen's acceptance.

Selectmen recommend adoption of this article

Article 54. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to take whatever actions are necessary for the Town to become a member of the Maine Municipal Association Property and Casualty Pool Program, including but not limited to the execution of any contract required for such membership and the payment of any required fees or charges. The authority granted herein shall be continued until revoked.

Selectmen recommend adoption of this article.
HEREOF FAIL NOT TO MAKE DUE SERVICE of this Warrant and a return of your doing thereon, at a time and place of said meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS 2001, Kennebunkport, Maine. this 21st day of November

H. Stedman Seavey, (
Michael J. Brown
Donald Fiske, Sr.
Susan M. Graham Karen A. Schlegel

A majority of the Selectmen of the Town of Kennebunkport, Maine

Budget **Proposed** Explanation FY2002 Six-Month By Town Manager Nathan Poore Budget Analysis (January 1, 2002 June 30, 2002

The proposed FY 2002 Six Month Budget (January 1 through June 30) is presented as a "gross" budget in a table or spreadsheet. Gross budgeting is a simplified and accountable format. Gross budgeting simply places all expenditure accounts on one side of the budget and revenues on the other side. Revenues have been categorized to show the relationship they may have with specific departments so that the reader can continue to analyze the net impact on property taxes.

questions in a spreadsheet. Within the spreadsheet and at the end of each department or spending area, there is a figure identifying the total sum being requested for that particular spending category. Each department or account total is identified with the applicable warrant article number for that spending area. Once a Town Meeting participant feels comfortable with the text portion of the warrant article questions, being that the format of the question repeats itself from articles 16 through 49, the participant could conceivably follow along with the spreadsheet without having to turn back and forth with the actual warrant article question and the spreadsheet. The details of the budget follow the warrant questions in a spreadsheet. Within the

The projected increase in gross municipal expenditures when compared to actual amounts expended as of June 30, 2001, is spread among various departments and accounts. Some increases such as salary and employee benefits are a common factor in most every department.

Gross municipal expenditures (compared to actual expenses June 30, 2001) are proposed to increase by \$63,626 while non-property tax revenues (compared to actual revenues June 30, 2001) are expected to decrease by \$26,891, which leaves a net

increase of \$90,517 (compared to actual expenses and revenues on June 30, 2001) on a proposed \$1,850,278 six-month municipal budget. If we compared the proposed six-month budget to one half of the approved 12-month budget in FY2001, there would be an actual decrease in the proposed six-month budget.

In all areas, salary, wages and benefits have increased and collectively, this cost area accounts for most of the overall increase in the budget. FICA/Medicare employer contributions will increase proportionately.

Health Insurance is also expected to increase substantially. According to the most recent rate schedule filed by the Town's insurer, Maine Municipal Employee Health Trust, rates will increase 15%. In the proposed budget, health insurance is based on present employee participation and known participation levels.

Salaries have increased due to a number of reasons and health insurance is collectively up \$28,989 (six month increase only). The increase in salaries is multi-fold. The Town Clerk position was previously decided to be full time and there are two new positions being proposed: one in the Highway Department and a bus reservation coordinator. Most of the remaining increases in salary and benefits are tied to contracted cost of living adjustment - 4% increase and contracted adjustments for certain employees who have successfully passed probation periods. If the salary and benefit increase were taken out of the equation, there would be an overall decrease in the budget.

Other increases and decreases in the budget are more specific to each individual department and are further explained below. All other increases are deemed necessary in order to continue the status quo.

Non property tax revenues are anticipated to decrease by \$26,891 mainly due significant decreases in anticipated investment interest rates and projected shortfalls in municipal revenue sharing, which is distributed from the State.

Budget Impact on the Tax Rate

less than half the total FY2001 amount because there is generally less spending between January and June each year. Bond principal payments are not due until the fall and the proposed budget includes very little spending on capital. This benefits the tax rate for the six-month billing cycle. Overall, the mil rate is anticipated to increase when compared to one half of the current rate of 14.90. There are several factors that attribute to the projected increase. The proposed municipal appropriation is less than half the total FY2001 amount

A comparison with what was actually expended in the first six months of FY2001 and the proposed budget will show that there are a number of increases and decreases. Some of the decreases can be found in data processing, elected official salaries, radio replacement, fire equipment, fire station contributions, sweeping, highway building maintenance, libraries, and capital. Increases are found in salaries across all departments, health insurance, audit, Kennebunk River harbor master salaries, Growth Planning Committee, liability insurance, community development, fire salary, highway line items, tree planting, welfare, and youth aid services. Instituting a transitional six-month budget causes many of the increases and decreases. Bills for services that were once paid for a full year in the fall are now being prorated and paid in June. An example includes youth aid services, fire salaries and harbor master salary. Likewise, some expenses that have been paid in full

before June of each year are now decreasing and prorated with later payments to be deferred to sometime after June.

The SAD 71 six-month budget includes an increase of 7% or a \$233,512 increase when compared to half of the total FY2001 approved budget. Education costs are known because the SAD 71 budget was approved last spring and runs through June 30, 2002.

County taxes are due in the fall. A major increase is anticipated next fall, and both the Budget Board and Board of Selectmen have decided to request a substantial amount of funding (see warrant article 49) to be placed in a reserve account for a portion of that future payment, which will provide for some tax relief in FY2002/3.

Non property tax revenues are typically slower from January to June. Several line items that are not transferred or collected in the first six months include: Dock Square parking lot fees, Goose Rocks Beach Parking fees, and parking ticket revenues. The six-month budget is \$162,399 less than half of the adopted FY2001 non property tax revenue budget.

When all of these factors are combined, the anticipated mil rate will be approximately \$7.75, which is \$.30 higher than half of the current year rate. Placing \$250,000 in a reserve account for future anticipated increases in County tax represents \$.40 of the projected mil rate. The education portion of the mil rate represents \$5.56. Municipal expenditures will represent \$1.73 and overlay will be approximately \$.02.

UMO of Kennebunkport T N 002 SIX-Month Budget

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#### Parks Programming and Department Recreation

#### By Recreation Director Carol G. Cook

Facilities

Recreation, I recently attended the Maine Municipal Association's annual conference in Augusta. The session that Biking The session that most intrigued me was entitled, How to Make healthcare were discussed. new trends ng and Walking. The probs of cardiovascular disease, trends in obesity and diathe Healthy under The rising through The probcost of

since 1980. Youth aged 12-18 spend an average of over four hours per day in front of a television, video, or computer. The picture of Maine's adults isn't good either...there has been a 61% increase in obesity over the last ten years, and more than 3/4 of Maine adults are not active enough to gain the health benefits from regular physical activity. Those benefits include reduced risk of heart disease, lower blood cholesterol, less risk of type II diabetes, and building and maintaining healthy bones, muscles, and joints to name a few. In a 1996 report, the Surgeon General recommended that adults should accumulate at least 30 minutes of moderate activity most days of the week. Children should accumulate 60 minutes of activity most, if not all, days of the week Nationally, the percentage of over-weight young people has doubled since 1980. Youth aged 12-18 and should not remain inactive for extended periods of time.

What are you doing for physical activity, and what can Recreation do to help? Kennebunkport Parks

gating funding for an ice skating area and potential bicycle and pedestrian pathways. Please call the department at 967-4304 to Our primary focus has been on the school-aged child, but we hope to expand our range of serv-ices to provide more for adults and seniors. We are also investioffer your suggestions and com-

#### outh ennebunk Services Kennebunkpor ommission

By Youth Services Coordinator Rachel Phipps

to introduce myself, Rachel Phipps, to the residents of Kennebunkport as the new Youth Services Coordinator. The Youth Services Coordinator is a position funded jointly by the Towns of Kennebunk and Kennebunkport to advocate for our youth and to provide support and guidance regarding the many difficult issues facing today's youth and families. There is a Youth Services Commission that is made up of residents from both Kennebunk and Kennebunkport that provides guidance and support for the Youth Services Coordinator. It is a great example of the two towns partnering

services. I can provide guidance and referrals to young people and families that would like assistance in improving communication, resolving con-As the Youth Services Coordinator, I am available for direct services such as crisis intervention and short-term counseling, as well as consultation to parents and coordination of social to provide an important service.

> flicts, building problem-solving skills or in handling the many other issues that can cause a family to experience stress. These services are voluntary, can access these services directly by contacting Rachel Phipps or you can contact your school guidance department and ask for a referral to be made stress. These services are volu confidential and free of charge to the Youth Services Coordinator.

by my office located in Kerinculian Town Hall on the second floor. I have a lending library full of great books and videos on a variety of parenting issues such as positive discipline, what teens need to succeed, surviving adolescence and effective communication and conflict resolution, among many others. Come take a look, and let's get I want to encourage everyone to drop by my office located in Kennebunk community!

community wide efforts directed building the assets necessary for the healthy development of our youth. I hope to use the position of Youth Services Coordinator to facilitate facilitate the h. 1

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> open for upcoming Roundtable
> Discussions between our young people and adult community members
> where we will focus on brainstorming
> ond generating creative you -young people, parents, business leaders, church groups and other stakeholders in our community-in an effort to develop programs that will enhance the well being of our youth and their families. Keep your eyes open for upcoming Roundtable approaches for addressing issues. look forward to collaborating with

much community involvement as you can give! I can be reached by email at rphipps@kennebunk.maine.org or by phone at Kennebunk Town Hall at 985-2102 ext. 1343. Look for an Please feel free to contact me if you would like support services or if you want to share any ideas for collaboration in this effort to support and nurture our youth. I am looking for as or hear from you all soon. phone at Kennebunk Town Hall at 985-2102 ext. 1343. Look for an update on Youth Services activities in the next newsletter. Hope to see you

# Shawnee Peak Ski Program-Winter 2001-2002

By Kennebunkport Parks & Recreation

Again this year, Shawnee Peak is offering a five-day ski package through Kennebunkport Parks & Recreation Department. The program has been fantastic and has been increasing in popularity each year. The incredible group rates are a great incentive to hit the slopes!

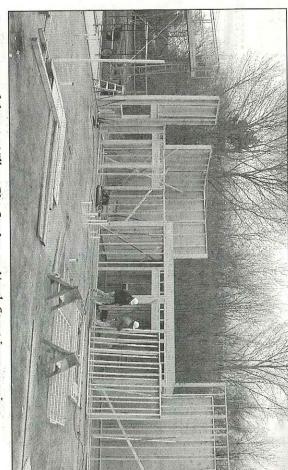
We will be skiing on 5 Sundays-December 30, January 13 and 27, and February 10 and 24. March 3 will be reserved as a make-up day, in case we have to cancel a specific Sunday due to weather. If for some reason you cannot make a scheduled date, vouchers person. make a schedule will be issued for one time only per

Our program is designed as a family program. All children 12 and under must be accompanied by a chaperone. We have a van with limited space - first come, first served basis at \$5 a

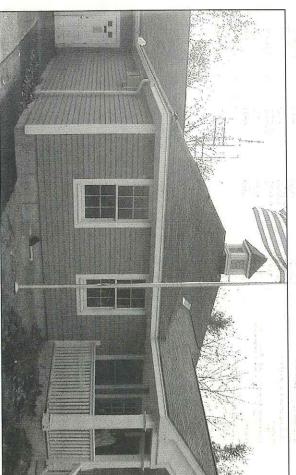
The rates have increased from last year due to higher insurance premiums and costs associated with the ski

industry, but the basic package is still around \$25/lift ticket for an adult. Participants of all ages may choose lift only or lift, lesson, and/or rental packages ranging in price from \$110 to \$245 for the 5-week program. Shawnee Peak has actually turned

away many new groups in order to insure a quality skiing experience for their guests. To join Kennebunkport Recreation for this exciting program, call 967-4304 no later than December 7 to register and complete the required paperwork for Shawnee Peak.



Construction of the new Village Fire Station on North Street is progressing



The addition to the Communications facility blends into the existing building

# **Passport News**

## By Town Clerk April Dufoe

for a passport here. That's because the Bureau of Consular Affairs in Washington, D.C. has designated April Dufoe, the Town Clerk of Kennebunkport, an agent of the State Department for the purpose of accepting passport applications. There is a new service being offered at the Town Hall. You can now apply

As a Passport Acceptance Agent, the Town Clerk can accept and execute a

new passport application, administer the passport oath, expedite passport services and make available all pass-port related forms and information.

The hours for passport acceptance at the Kennebunkport Town Hall are Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 noon.

If you have any questions about this new passport service being offered by the Town Clerk, please call 967-4243.

# How to Identify Your Plastics For Recycling

# Plastic Items Numbered One Through Seven Town's Trash and Recycling Collection Service Accepts

By Solid Waste Committee and Bill Boyer, I. Zaitlin and Sons

With the large variety of plastics available, the average consumer often has difficulty distinguishing harmon the types of plastic discards. To facilitate recycling, these items are coded by the manufac-

of your plastic items, please refer to the following turers. A coding number can be found on the bottom of a plastic container. For easy identification numbering system:

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The following items will be picked up curbside:

				Coding
	Polyethylne (HOPE)	High Density	Polyethylene	Item
Item Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET)	The clear bottles (milk and water jugs) are also	liquids, liquor bottles).	Soda bottles, generally referred to as custom	Description

## Polyethylene (LDPE

9 Polystyrene (PS) CI

Polypropylene (PP)

-A catch all numbering for materials not

included above.

Most often packaging in number 7 containers consist of glues or metal-based materials.

videocassette cases.

Numerous molded products are made from PS.

cups, meat trays, plastic utensils, and

yogurt containers, margarine tubs, and most bottle caps

These bottles include syrup containers

ketchup bottles,

made from LDPE

Additionally, plastic lids and some

squeeze

bottles are

# There are also other methods which you can use to differentiate between bottles. Most mistakes are made in segregating PET from PVC bottles; however, these types of bottles can be readily distinguished by the molding scar

referred PET has a circular scar (called a "bullet hole" or "nipple"). creased, a white mark will show at the point of the bend on their bottom. r bottom. PVC has a horizontal scar (often to as a "smile"). When a PVC bottle is bent or

# Septic Disposal User Fees Now In Place

By Sewer Department Superintendent Allan Moir

Selectmen adopted a user fee policy for the treatment of septic waste at the Kennebunkport Wastewater Treatment Plant. The rate schedule is set at \$0.10 per gallon for any waste delivered to the treatment plant. This charge is consistent with the other treatment plants in the area. Until Wastewater Treatment Plant was the only treatment plant in the area that did not charge for the treatment of septic waste. On October 25, 2001, the Board of

treatment plant operates on an aerobic process. Septic waste is more difficult to treat in an aerobic process. We have been treating approximately 200,000 gallons of septic waste a year The treatment plant has never been able to treat all of the septic waste that was generated in town. The plant is only able to process 660 gallons of septic per day, because septic waste is approximately 12 times stronger than ordinary wastewater. Septic waste is a concentrated anaerobic waste and the

> the part of the homeowner, pumper/haulers and the treatment plant. With this charge in place the haulers can take it to our plant if we have room or they can take it to another treatment plant. Haulers will now have the option to bring waste to the Kennebunkport Wastewater Treatment Plant or another plant, which should alleviate long waiting periods for the homeowner and and we would be treating more if the treatment plant could handle it. periods for the nomeowne demand on the Town's system. erable periods of time to have their tanks pumped, causing frustration on the part of the homeowner, Homeowners have had to wait consid-

users of the wastewater treatment plant pay the remaining 40% of the debt. The users are also paying all of the operation and maintenance cost for the treatment plant, compost There are other reasons or justifica-tions to charge a use fee. Property taxes are used to fund 60% of the debt retirement on sewer bonds and the eatment plant, and collection system

> have a 1,000-gallon septic tank and you have pumped every 3 years, it would work out to \$33.33 per year to have the waste treated while it costs their waste treated Taxpayers that are on septic systems do not pay for any of the operation and maintenance costs for treating their waste, even though the cost to treat the septic waste is higher than the cost to treat wastewater. If you

Another justification for this system is the cost of future capital construction to meet the demand of septic waste being brought to the site. If there is a user fee which is consistent with other plants that could also accept the waste, we believe demand on the Town's system will decrease, which will forgo any immediate need for costly capital construction.

If anyone has any questions about the new user fee policy, please contact Allan Moir, superintendent of the sewer department at 967-2245.

#### Reducing Toxic Dioxins

**Environmental Protection** By Department of

To help reduce the amount of toxic dioxin in our environment:

Don't burn any products made with PVC plastics.

Identifying Modern Trash-

Don't burn trash;

Although it is not required, dioxinforming PVC products may be labeled. Look for the 'plastics recycling label' on the product or its original packaging. Any of the following symbols, letters or words may be used: the number 3 inside a triangle next to the letter V; PVC, PVDC; or Vinyl. These products Dioxin Hazards



#### Mail? Packages or Suspicious

the Communications, By Robert Sullivan, Jim Police Department When in Doubt Call

**Burrows and Nathan Poore** 

It is safe to say we will never forget the events surrounding the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. Since September 11, 2001, Town staff has been attending various training, reviewing its policies and preparing for the concerns and questions of the community.

Kennebunkport, however, it would be imprudent for us ignore how we handle mail and packages. The Police Department is requesting that anyone who believes they have received suspicious mail and and mail involving terrorism and threats of terrorism should be taken seriously but not with panic. The packages to notify the department as soon as possible. Do not bring any suspicious mail or packages to the Police Department. Call and they will come to you. around the country have been concentrated in areas unlike Maine and areas unlike Maine

Things or characteristics that may raise suspicion include the following leaking, containing dust or powder, stains, residue, liquid, solid material or foreign object, written threats, wrong address, misspelled address, no return address, uations that are common, please use your best judgment. If you feel it is necessary to contact the Police Department please do so without hesitation. tions do not by themselves necessarily constitute unusual suspicion. In these sitspellings, no return address or with an inaccurate address and that these situacommon to receive unusual odor, and anything else that may look suspicious. We recognize that it is mail with