



KENNEBUNKPORT Town Review

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Selectmen make offer to join BUA

By Laurie A. Smith, Town Manager



Goose Rocks Beach

On Friday, April 6, the town received the long-awaited decision in the case of Robert F. Almeder et al., v. Town of Kennebunkport, concerning public rights in Goose Rocks Beach. Justice Douglas has ruled that, "After review of the extensive record in this case and after consideration of the unique circumstances presented, the court concludes that title to the disputed parts of the beach rests with the Town of Kennebunkport." The decision found that the town had established ownership of the beach from the sea wall down to the low water mark in front of 22 out of the

23 beachfront parcels whose owners sued the town in 2009. There are 65 other beachfront parcels whose owners since 2012 have signed a Beach Use Agreement that ensures continued public access to most of the remaining portions of the beach.

In an effort to bring the town together and end the lawsuit, the Board of Selectmen have invited requests by any plaintiffs and parties-in-interest in the Goose Rocks Beach lawsuit to join the Beach Use Agreement. Any request to join the

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Allan Moir and Dave Chisholm

By Laurie A. Smith, Town Manager

The town lost two members of the staff over the winter. Chief Allan Moir and Assistant Chief Dave Chisholm both passed away in 2017.

Chief Moir devoted 37 years of his life to the town of Kennebunkport. Whether in his position as the wastewater superintendent or fire chief, he was always on watch. He was born in Massachusetts but moved to Maine in 1981 with his wife Donna to take a position with the town. He had a dry wit and a sarcastic sense of humor that he shared with everyone he met. He also had a deep love of family. His relationships with Donna, his Dad, his brother Andy, and his sisters Elise and Denise were ever constant in his mind. Family did not end at his blood relations, as

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Allan Moir



Dave Chisholm

Where are we headed?

By Laurie A. Smith, Town Manager

In 1971 David Bowie coined the phrase, "ch-ch-ch-changes, turn and face the strange." The past year has been full of changes and as I gaze into my crystal ball I see changes in our future as well. As we all know, change is neither good nor bad, it is usually a mix of both and dependent upon the viewer. Kennebunkport is changing even if we take no definitive action in that direction.

How is Kennebunkport changing?

- In the next five years, 25% of the employees will reach the age of retirement. This past year in fact we saw the retirement of Bill Junker, Mary Jane Grant, and Wayne Mathews as well as the passing of Allan Moir and Dave Chisholm. New employees this past year have included April Jones (wastewater), Jonah "Breese" Reagle (parks and recreation), Michelle Martel (public works) and John "Jay" Everett

(fire chief). We lost the history and influence of two longstanding employees but gained insight and energy from our new members.

- The town's population is aging. As shown in the chart below, the median age in 2000 was 46 in comparison to 54.6 in 2017. Kennebunkport exceeds both Maine and the US in this aging trend. This shift highlights the popularity of Kennebunkport as a retirement community. Many of our new residents volunteer among town boards and nonprofits and they bring with them a wealth of experience and education. Conversely, this is impacting our ability to maintain a school population.
- Kennebunkport's student population was 428 in 2010 but has been on the decline and had 385 students in 2017, or a 10% decrease

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MEDIAN AGE COMPARISON

Median Age	Town of Kennebunkport	York County	Maine	United States
2000	46.0	38.5	38.6	35.3
2010	51.8	43.0	42.7	37.2
2017	54.6	45.0	44.6	38.2
2022	56.2	45.9	45.6	38.9

Source: Esri, American FactFinder

– Questions 1, 2 and 7 –

By Laurie A. Smith, Town Manager

Questions 1 and 2 on the June ballot authorize amendments to the Administrative Code, which address organization structural changes within town departments. First, it will allow the wastewater department to become a division of public works with the highway division. It will create a more streamlined department and allow for the sharing of resources between two similar divisions. Secondly, it will place the Cape Porpoise harbormaster under the supervision of the police chief in order to provide support and resources in the enforcement of local ordinances and management of the harbor. The Administrative Code Committee met to review the changes and voted in favor of the amendments.

- Question 7 -

The Street Ordinance was adopted in January of 1997 over 20 years ago. Kennebunkport was ahead of most other Maine municipalities regarding street addressing. In fact, it was ahead of even the state of Maine. Since that time, the state of Maine has developed four editions to the E-911 Addressing Guidebook for Local Governments. The amendments will bring our local ordinance in compliance with state guidelines, add a naming system section, and a street numbering and compliance section to the ordinance. The Public Safety Committee has reviewed the proposed changes and recommend their adoption.

Proposed ordinance revisions

June 2018

By Werner Gilliam, Director of Planning and Development

This summer, we have a number of proposed revisions to the Kennebunkport Land Use Ordinance and the Floodplain Management Ordinance on the June ballot. Revisions are typically brought forward in instances such as when greater clarity is needed, state or federal law changes, or it may be in response to a particular issue or development.

– Question 3 –

Amendment to Land Use Ordinance regarding Growth Area Map. When the Growth Area Map was created in 2010 showing properties that met the written definitions of growth, rural and transitional, it did not consider the progression and expansion of public utilities such as sewer and water. This amendment allows the Growth Planning Committee to periodically review and update the map to reflect current infrastructure access, allowing properties to be reclassified from one type of rate of growth area to another. This will allow for properties to be treated equitably with other like properties related to the issuance of growth permits.

– Question 4 –

Amendment to Land Use Ordinance to clarify setbacks related to lot lines and rights of way. This ordinance amendment removes confusing and contradictory language regarding setbacks from road rights of way. As a matter of practice, the code office has consistently interpreted structure setbacks to be measured from the edge of a road right of way. And, while the ordinance supports that interpretation, there has been confusion when in some places setbacks refer to “street” and in other places refer to “right of way.” Furthermore, there has been confusion surrounding pedestrian rights of way vs. road rights of way. This ordinance amendment clarifies lot setbacks are related to vehicular access rights of way, public and private, and should not be used for pedestrian rights of way nor should setbacks be measured to the actual constructed street or road.

– Question 5 –

Amendment to the Land Use Ordinance regarding removal of reduction of lot coverage credit for semi-pervious materials. Within the Shoreland Zone, driveways are calculated towards a lot's overall lot coverage restriction. Several years ago, many coastal communities with the support of the Maine DEP allowed lot coverage reductions when semi-pervious materials such as grass pavers were used. After a trial period of a few years, DEP reversed their position regarding this practice. It was found that some communities were not consistently enforcing the policy in addition to finding that many contractors were improperly installing the alternatives, which over time reduced their overall effectiveness.

– Question 6 –

Amendment to Kennebunkport Floodplain Management Ordinance. This ordinance amendment removes the floodplain permit fee from the ordinance and places it in a fee schedule set annually by the Board of Selectmen.

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in the 7-year period. The RSU 21 student enrollment projections predict a 15% decrease in population by 2024. The Kennebunkport Consolidated School saw a decrease in 2017 that resulted in only one kindergarten class. The trend appears to continue as we search for students for the 2018 kindergarten class, which will likely be comprised of students from Arundel and Kennebunk.

- The median household income has grown since 2010 by 32%; however, the median home value has grown by 102%. Kennebunkport's desirable location has increased home values which is great for property owners. The result though is that it has become increasingly difficult to find housing that the median income can afford.

HOME OWNERSHIP AFFORDABILITY			
	2000	Current	Pct. Increase
Median Household Income	\$54,219	\$71,834	32%
Median Home Value	\$234,200	\$473,718	102%
Income Required to Afford Median Home	\$47,120	\$95,280	102%

Source: Census, ACS

- Housing occupancy rates have changed dramatically over the years as well. Kennebunkport has long been a tourist community. In 2000, approximately 34% of the homes were rented for seasonal or recreational use. Today, that number is 40% and on the rise. Many visitors to the community means that the economy is strong and Kennebunkport is a favorable location. Continued growth of seasonal housing though is impacting our ability to find volunteers, voters, firefighters, and maintain the culture of the community that was so attractive in the first place.

Occupancy Trends Comparison						
	Town of Kennebunkport			York County		
	2000	2010	2017	2000	2010	2017
Total Housing Units	2,555	2,897	3,057	94,234	105,773	112,091
Occupied	1,615	1,578	1,672	74,563	81,009	85,982
Owner	1,351	1,307	1,350	54,157	59,483	61,221
Renter	264	271	322	20,406	21,526	24,761
For Seasonal, Recreational or Occasional Use	34.2% 874 Units	38.6% 1,119 Units	40.3% 1,231 Units*	17.6% 16,597 Units	17.6% 18,661 Units	17.4% 19,503 Units*
Otherwise Vacant	2.6% 66 Units	6.9% 200 Units	7.0% 214 Units*	3.3% 3,074 Units	5.8% 6,103 Units	5.6% 6,311 Units

*Estimate based on trend and ACS 2016 5-yr. estimates

Source: Esri, ACS

These are a few documented changes, but I'm sure whether you have lived here for a short time or your whole life, you can think of many other changes you have witnessed. What does this all mean? Although change is certain, some of it we can impact. The important question is where do we want to be? Do we want to be a vibrant year-round community, continuing our history of active volunteerism and civic pride? Do we want a local elementary school, known for its high academic achievements and small-town feel? Do we want an active maritime based economy, which has long been a part of Kennebunkport's history? Do we want future public servants who are assisting neighbors versus customers? These are the questions with which we struggle as Kennebunkport grapples with the changes around us. I hope our citizens will take part in the public discussions as the Growth Planning Committee, Housing Committee, Short-Term Rental Committee, Planning Board, and Board of Selectmen lead us on the journey to the future.

Absentee ballots now available

Absentee ballots are now available at the Kennebunkport Town Clerk's Office for the upcoming State Referendum Election, Annual Town Meeting Election, and the R.S.U. #21 Budget Validation and Referendum Election to be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at the Village Fire Station, 21 North Street, in Kennebunkport. **PLEASE NOTE: the last day to obtain an absentee ballot for this election is Thursday, June 7, 2018.**

If you have any questions about absentee voting or about this election, please call Tracey O’Roak, Town Clerk at 967-1610.

Town of Kennebunkport Annual Town Meeting June 12 and 16, 2018

– 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 12th day of June, AD 2018, at 8:00 a.m.** for the purpose of acting on Articles numbered 1 and 1a (Election of Officers) 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 12, 2018, and shall close at 8:00 p.m.

The continuation of said meeting will be held at the Consolidated School, 25 School Street, in said Town on Saturday, the 16th day of June AD 2018, at 9:00 a.m. for the purposes of acting on Articles numbered 2 through 44 (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 can be viewed on the town's website at <https://www.kennebunkportme.gov/town-clerk/pages/elections-and-voting>

A copy of the Town Report will be available by the first week of June and may be picked-up at the Town Offices, 6 Elm Street; Bradbury Brothers Market, Main Street, Cape Porpoise; and Graves Memorial Library, 18 Maine Street.

Tracey O'Roak
Town Clerk

New employees and staff moves



L to R: Fire Chief John "Jay" Everett, Jonah "Breese" Reagle, Michelle Martel, and Matthew Philbrick

John "Jay" Everett

John C. Everett began his duties as fire chief on April 12. Everett is a 35-year veteran of the fire service, currently serving as a deputy fire chief in the city of Portland. He resides in Kennebunk with his wife and children and gave many years to the Kennebunk Fire Department where, until recently, he was a district chief. His leadership skills, dedication to the fire service, understanding of the needs of a small call/volunteer force and ability to work with a wide variety of people made him the clear choice for the position.

Jonah "Breese" Reagle

Jonah "Breese" Reagle started as the assistant director of parks and recreation on November 20. Reagle came to Kennebunkport from Robbins, North Carolina, where he served in the education field. He has a background in teaching, summer camps, mechanical systems, and landscaping. He is completing his master's degree in parks, recreation, tourism, and sports management this semester and is excited to be part of the team.

Michelle Martel

Michelle Martel is the newest member of public works and was hired this spring. Martel began plowing for the department as a temporary employee. She has years of experience as a private sector truck driver. She also has public safety experience with our fire department as a dispatcher and an EMT. Her background and emphasis on team work has been a great addition to our public works crew.

Matthew Philbrick

Matthew Philbrick started his code enforcement officer position with the town this year on February 14. Philbrick was already employed as an equipment operator in the public works department but was eager to move to the planning and development department when the assistant CEO position became open. He is a resident of Kennebunkport, has been a member of the fire department, and has a background in construction. He fit in seamlessly amongst the town hall staff, but you can find him out on job sites most days.

New Fire Chief John "Jay" Everett gets pinned at April 12, 2018, Board of Selectmen's Meeting



L to R: District 1 Chief Scott Lantagne; Kennebunkport Chief John "Jay" Everett; District 2 Chief Jim Burrows; District 3 Chief Noel Graydon; and Freeland K. Smith, former chief of the Goose Rocks Beach Fire Company.

Registrar of Voters holds evening hours

The Kennebunkport Town Clerk/Registrar of Voters will hold evening hours at the Kennebunkport town hall on **Thursday, June 7, 2018, from 4:30–6:30 p.m.** in order to conduct absentee voting, to register any person eligible to vote, and to accept any enrollment/address changes.

– REMINDER –

The last day to request an absentee ballot for the upcoming election is
Thursday, June 7, 2018.

Public works news

By Michael Claus, Public Works Director

Last fall, our public works crew did a joint tree limb removal project with the town of Arundel. Walkers Lane was trimmed using personnel from both crews for traffic safety and quick chipping of tree limbs. In late October, a combination of wind and rain brought down trees and limbs throughout town. Public works, in concert with the police and fire departments, cleared the roads for traffic as soon as down power lines were deemed safe by CMP. In early December, public works department employees started a long winter that saw us respond to 37 snow and ice events on our town roads through April 15. After a Christmas Day snowstorm, the crew worked many a weekend and overnight keeping the roads safe and performing snow removal in Dock Square and Cape Porpoise. We tried to minimize the use of sand this winter and were able to sweep the town roads in April without having to contract out our sweeping work.

Government Wharf reconstruction was started this winter after public works demolished the old bait shed. After the bait shed and wharf are rebuilt public works will reconstruct and pave the wharf approach and parking lot. The new recreation building is being constructed at Parsons Field this spring. Public works did underground soil evaluation sitework and demolition of the old storage building prior to construction. We plan on doing sidewalk and parking lot work after the recreation building is complete.

Look for continued improvements on Mills Road this spring as we continue our shoulder repair, road reconstruction, and paving work. We are coordinating our paving program with sewer extensions on Mills Road and New Biddeford Road. On North Street, we plan on starting shoulder reconstruction between River Road and Arundel Road this summer. Paving overlay work will continue on neighborhood roads during late spring and summer. Overlay paving extends the lifecycle of streets before major reconstruction work is required.

Matt Philbrick left public works after he was appointed to the codes office this winter. He was able to continue plowing during major storms over the winter. While he will be missed at public works, we are happy to announce that Michelle Martel has joined public works as an equipment operator/truck driver. She plowed for the department as a temporary employee this winter and has long experience as a private sector truck driver. She also volunteers for KEMS and the Kennebunkport Fire Department as part of her public service.

If you would like to meet to discuss concerns or have questions on spring cleanup, street repair, or other public works issues, please call Mike Claus, Kennebunkport Public Works Director, at (207) 391-3239.



New public works employee Michelle Martel changes the flag at Cape Porpoise Station.



Kevin Paradis keeping up the holiday cheer plowing an 11-hour shift during our Christmas day snowstorm.



Framing under construction for the new bait shed at Government Wharf.

Offer

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Agreement must be in writing and must be received by the town clerk no later than 12:00 p.m., on Friday, June 15, 2018. The Board of Selectmen have stated once again that ensuring public access to the beach is most important, not who owns the beach.

The Beach Use Agreement established a Beach Use Ordinance and a Beach Advisory Committee to support the responsible management of Goose Rocks Beach. In consideration of continued public access, the town stipulated that the beachfront owner participants owned the beach areas in front of their homes down to the low water mark. The town also committed to enforcement of beach rules under the Beach Use Ordinance. The Beach Use Agreement and Ordinance have been in existence for over 5 years and have successfully set a healthy balance between the interests of beachfront home owners and other users of the beach. The Superior Court decision on April 6 will not impact the properties covered under the Beach Use Agreement.

Kennebunkport fire department's newest engine



Engine 33, our newest apparatus, is a 2017 Pierce Saber pumper that has been assigned to help protect Goose Rocks Beach. It carries 1,000 gallons of water, 2,000 ft of four-inch hose, and a 1,250 gpm pump, along with state-of-the-art gas detection and thermal imaging equipment.



Summer safety in Kennebunkport

By Craig Sanford, Police Chief

Summer and vacation time will soon be here! Crowds and visitors grow along with vehicle traffic volumes. We want to be outside and relax but that does not mean we should let our guard down. With the warm weather, we need to pay close attention to safety. I will quickly mention some of the areas in town that come to mind.

Goose Rocks Beach will be filled with visitors when the sun comes. There will be vehicles searching for those elusive parking spots and families rushing to the best sandy dune. Goose Rocks Beach is unique because it has many rules to help all enjoy the area. Signs are posted at most entrances to the sand explaining many of regulations all are required to adhere to. You can also find the Beach Use Agreement on the town's website. These rules range from no smoking to when dogs are allowed on the beach. If you are unfamiliar with the agreement and Dog Ordinance, I suggest you spend some time looking them over. We will be out to enforce these rules and check for compliance.

Plovers are a regular resident to the beach and are federally protected. Everyone, including dogs, must stay clear of these endangered animals.

Please keep an eye on small children in or near the water. It only takes a moment for a small child to get into trouble.

Pedestrians are required to use the sidewalk when available in Maine. We constantly see folks in the road when the sidewalk is available. Kings Highway will be crowded with parked and moving cars. Be smart and stay on the sidewalk.

Kids on bikes will be everywhere. Anyone under the age of sixteen on a bicycle is required to wear a helmet. Watch for cyclists and be sure to give them room as you pass. Cyclists are required to follow ALL traffic control signs as do vehicles and to keep to the right moving with the flow of traffic.

Ocean Avenue will become a photographer's dream. Everyone will want to travel slowly to get the best video or picture. Doing this is distracting to the driver and slows other traffic causing issues. Please keep moving and park where allowable. We often see folks so caught up in the beautiful views that they never see a pedestrian or curb.

Seatbelt use seems to drop in the summer months. I don't see a reason for this drop, but seatbelt use is required in the state of Maine and is an important safety feature in your vehicle.

Speeding vehicles will be a common complaint when summer arrives. Our community is no different than any other. Roads are posted, and the speed limit set is just that, the limit. Please obey the speed limits. No one needs an expensive ticket.

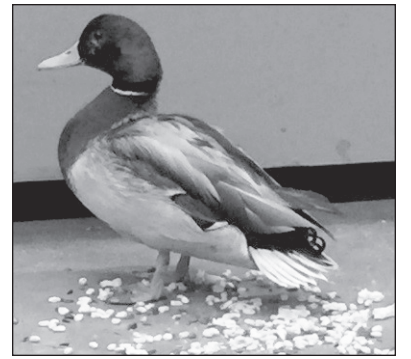
The town of Kennebunkport prohibits the use of fireworks. In most cases, we will issue a summons and confiscate fireworks if a violation is found. We want you to enjoy your time here, but be mindful of the town's important ordinances and state laws so each of us can be safe.

WASTEWATER PIPELINE

By Dale Wermenchuk, Wastewater Lead Operator

– A bird off course –

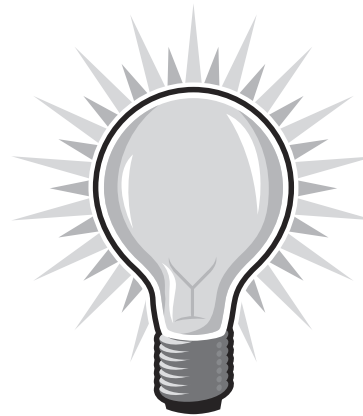
At some point this winter, an errant duck landed himself into an offline tank here at the wastewater plant. He must have injured himself in trying to fly out of the very deep tank and was found by operator Steve Bryant looking rather helpless. With fellow operator Brice Bond, they were able to fashion a pole to extricate the bird from his embarrassing situation. "Quackers" spent the next several weeks recuperating in a garage bay. All the operators took turns feeding scraps and a few seeds and giving fresh water to our unexpected guest. In the end, the outcome for Quackers wasn't successful, but the exercise in teamwork and compassion were the lessons well learned.



– The wind and seas –

Last fall, we had a windstorm that left much of the town without power, and the plant was no exception. But, we are prepared for these events with backup generators at the plant and strategically placed generators around town. Because of this, we were able to manage the system without any interruption in operations or service. We were challenged once again in early March with astronomical high tides coupled with a low-pressure system that brought a deluge of sea water to the edges of many pump stations. Even though they were just out of reach of the overflowing flowing tides, the collections system was still vulnerable. Because of this, the plant saw an increase in normal seasonal flows during this event. In a community so close to the shore, it is, and will always be, a challenge to keep the ocean out of our system. The storm did help us identify weaknesses in our defenses, but we will continue making repairs in this constant battle against surging seas.

– A bright future –



Efficiency Maine has provided the town with a substantial rebate to convert lighting in the wastewater plant to LED technology. The new lights are extremely efficient and will provide many hours of low-cost lighting. The town purchased \$6,900.00 worth of lights and submitted a rebate that totaled \$6,300.00 giving the town a net expense of \$600.00. This expense will be recovered over time and become savings after that. Many areas are now brighter than they were before and that makes our job safer and easier.

– Building bonds –

In addition to the two newly refurbished pump stations at Green Street and Chicks Creek, there was a second CWSRF loan bond through the Maine Municipal Bond Bank and Maine DEP that will allow us to replace many key pieces of equipment that have reached their end-of-service life. Equipment like a standby generator, influent and effluent pumps, and aeration system blowers work tirelessly 24/7 and are essential to the process of treating and discharging quality effluent. The staff here with their collective skills will be able to replace some of these items and that will provide a cost savings for the town. Doing the work in house will make it possible for us to stretch every dollar and allow us to replace more components than we otherwise could. Some equipment has already started to arrive, and planning, scheduling, and prep work have begun. Over the next several months, we hope to be getting all this equipment swapped out and operational by late 2018.

– The passing, December 24, 2017 –

The loss of our colleague, Wastewater Superintendent Allan Moir, has left a void here at the plant with most of us wondering about what the deeper impact to our department will be. Many projects that had been started by Moir were in the planning stages, and now others must carry on where he left off. That is not an easy thing to do for a man that was very settled into his job for over 30 years. Nevertheless, we are moving forward doing many of the things that we're sure he would have wanted to be a part of. We remain hopeful that these plans will make the department better in many ways.

– KENNEBUNKPORT PUBLIC HEALTH –

By Alison Kenneway R.N., B.S.N. and Angela Jenks, R.N.

Kennebunkport Public Health provides skilled nursing care, general assistance and social service needs for our town residents and guests. For more information, call 967-4401 or visit the public health department's webpage through the town's website. There is a lot of information there on support services, events, and activities throughout our community and local vicinity. We have a FREE durable medical equipment closet (LOAN CLOSET) filled with crutches, walkers, commodes and shower chairs supported by the health council. Check with us before you buy! ☺ If you have any suggestions on how else we can help, please let us know. Kennebunkport Public Health is a department of the town of Kennebunkport. Our services are covered under your town taxes and private donations.



Flu clinic news: Kennebunkport Public Health teamed up with Rite Aid pharmacy to provide a community wide flu clinic at 32 North Street last October. It was a big success! We plan on working with Rite Aid again this fall to provide this service to you! A big **THANK YOU** to the Rite Aid team!!! See you next fall!

Senior news: The Senior Ad Hoc Committee sent out an extensive questionnaire to town residents 65 years and older this past fall. Thank you to all who participated in this survey! A lot of information was gathered from this survey, and we have taken some of the information and put it to work. We have been collaborating with the parks and recreation department, Graves Library, Senior Center, Southern Maine Area Agency on Aging, local churches, and Alzheimer's Association all to provide more events, activities, and education for seniors. Please feel free to make suggestions on activities you would like to see.



Kennebunkport emergency preparedness program: One of the responsibilities of the Kennebunkport Public Health Department is to be part of the town's disaster team. Our focus is to ensure that residents and guests' medical and basic needs are met, whether you are in your home or a shelter facility. If you have difficulty getting out of your home, are on oxygen, or any medical equipment requiring electricity, please contact the public health office at 967-4401. We will add you to our confidential call of concern list. In the event of a severe storm, lengthy power outage, or an actual disaster, this information will help us to help you!! The public

health office has also been part of a shelter team. Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, and Arundel have teamed together to plan a community shelter in the event of a disaster or prolonged power outage. The shelter will be at the Dorothy Stevens center or Middle School of the Kennebunk's if the numbers require a larger facility. Stay tuned for more information and a contact number to call if you find you need to go to a shelter in the event of an emergency. If you have email or home computer, sign up on to the town website and sign up for email alerts. Information about storm related issues are posted here.

Last fall we, offered a class "Until Help Arrives" which was FEMA's new preparedness training. This hands-on training focused on actions citizens can take in life threatening situations before first responders arrive. Basic skills to help those in need in the first critical moments until professional help arrives were reviewed along with how citizens can effectively communicate with 9-1-1 operators, stay safe in a dangerous situation, stop life-threatening bleeding, position the injured, Hands Only CPR, providing emotional support, and more. We hope to offer this course again so stay tuned!

Maine healthy beach program:

Kennebunkport and the Healthy Maine beach program will be monitoring Goose Rocks and Colony beaches 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. There has been no change in the EPA exceedance level of 104 enterococci (an indicator of fecal contamination) before an Advisory is posted. Again, 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. Kennebunkport is included in the 5-mile restricted area for boat pump outs.



–SAVE THE DATE–
Well Water Test Day
Saturday, June 9
9:00-11:00 a.m.
32 North Street

WATER TESTING

Over 1,000 Kennebunkport households rely on a well for their water supply. It is strongly recommended by the Department of Health & Human Services Well Water Division that you have your water supply tested periodically for bacteria, radon, arsenic, copper, and lead. Suggested test schedule: dug wells every year and artesian wells every three years. On June 9, Nelson Analytical

Laboratory along with the public health department are offering our annual Kennebunkport residents only Well Water Test Day. Pick up a free 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 9-11 a.m., on June 9. All results are confidential between you and the lab. This simple step can have a huge impact on the health of your family. Payment is expected at drop off in cash or check made out to Nelson Analytical and should be in your box with the water sample. NOTE: credit/debit cards will not be accepted.



Lawns for lobster: Now that winter is over, and we are busy fertilizing lawns and gardens, spraying for ants, ticks, slugs, and bugs, remember all chemicals used leach into the soil. They can affect yours or your neighbor's well water supply and eventually end up in lakes, rivers, and the ocean. Discuss options with your yard maintenance or garden center staff. Contact the Kennebunkport Conservation Commission for more information and upcoming informational events on this subject.

Stuff the bus:

Help us fill the Parks and Rec. bus with nonperishable food and household/personal supplies on Election Day, June 12. 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 out your checks to Community Outreach Services. These funds are used to purchase food from the Good Shepherd Food bank. **THANK YOU!!!!**



Stuff the backpacks: School supplies are costly! Please help us purchase and fill backpacks for our children in need. Our projected delivery date to the parents is August 13. Please have donations to the public health office by August 10. Items we need in addition to backpacks are paper, notebooks, 3-ring binders, pens, pencils, crayons for the younger students, markers, dry erase markers, rulers, index cards, and erasers. When you are shopping this summer, pick up a few supplies and deliver them to the public health office. Every little bit helps!

Drugs and sharps disposal: Did you miss the state-wide TAKE BACK THE DRUGS DAY? The Kennebunkport

Police Department accepts prescription, over the counter, and pet medications year-round. Please bring these items to Kennebunkport's secured collection green box located in the police department's lobby. Do not dispose of them in your trash. Medications flushed down your toilet or sink can have an adverse effect on a septic or sewer system as well as leach into our streams and rivers. Please deliver your sharps to the public health department for safe disposal. The police and dispatchers are not allowed to accept the sharps. Sharps must be in a red plastic Haz-Mat box or a plastic container such as a milk jug, juice jug, or what your laundry detergent comes in. Help us avoid accidental sticks. For more information on medication disposal: medreturn.com is a great resource.

Drug abuse epidemic: Drug abuse is on the rise in the state of Maine. Kennebunkport is not immune to the adverse effects that drug abuse has on families and the community. Resources are available through the Kennebunkport Public Health Department, Kennebunkport Police Department, local churches, and libraries. Please go to our website for many local referrals, support groups, and assistance with drug/alcohol related supports. Or please call our office with any questions and concerns, 967-4401.



Heart safe community: Kennebunkport has earned the title: Maine Heart Safe Community. As part of this nationwide program the public health department has joined with KEMS to offer cardiac prevention programs. Community CPR and first aid courses are being offered throughout the year. If you are interested in learning this lifesaving skill, contact the public health department or KEMS for more information on upcoming classes.

Little hats, bit hearts: This winter we participated in the second annual "Little Hats, Big Hearts" program through the American Heart Association. Community knitters and crocheters gathered together and provided over 50 little red hats from Kennebunk/Kennebunkport for newborn babies born in the month of February (heart health month) to help spread heart health awareness to the new families! Little Hats, Big Hearts, honors babies, moms, and heart healthy lives in a very special way. Supporters are knitting and crocheting red hats to be given out to thousands of babies during American Heart Month to empower moms to live heart healthy lives and to help their children do the same. This program was so much fun, and a huge success; we will support it again next fall! Contact us for more information on how you can get involved!

PARKS & RECREATION

By Carol Cook, Director of Parks and Recreation

Staff changes

Breese Reagle joined the department in November as assistant director. He has just received his master's degree from NC State in parks, recreation, sports & tourism management. He has been working in recreation for 5 years while teaching middle school social studies. He has been a soccer coach at the high school and middle school levels. He will bring fresh ideas to our summer camp and adult trip schedule. Contact Breese today at 967-4304 to get your name on his contact list for trips.

Angela O'Connor, recreation programmer full-time since 2008, has accepted a new position in Needham, MA. Her last day with us was April 20. Perhaps her greatest achievement with us was the Outdoor Adventure program, and we will greatly miss the passion she brought to the youth basketball program. She was a role model and friend to many in the wider community. We wish her well in her new adventure.

Summer day camp

Our day camp will open on June 25 and run through August 17 with programs and activities for those entering pre-K through 8th grade. We are changing our field trips to be on Wednesdays for the older children and on Thursdays for the younger children. This will allow greater variety and an opportunity to set up several smaller trips using our micro-bus. Compare our program, our flexibility, and our price with anyone, and you'll be amazed at what we can do. We are the only recreation department in the area that takes children on a daily or weekly basis without the need to commit to a number of weeks or the entire summer; it is perfect for grandchildren or summer visitors.

Spring cleaning

The United Way Day of Caring will be Wednesday, June 6, at Rotary Park at Beachwood. What an excellent opportunity to have fun while working for the betterment of our community. We will get the restroom facility ready, replace one feature on our new playground (wrong color originally installed), complete spring clean-up of the park, and work on the

New P&R building



Demolition of the old recreation concession and storage shed to make way for the new parks & recreation building. Completion date is set for November.

Beachwood Trail and Rotary Loop that lead to the Tyler Brook Trail of the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust.

Trip opportunities for adults

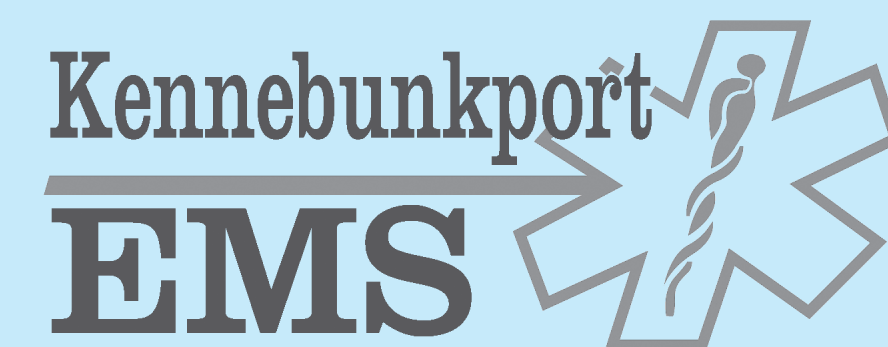
We have planned trips to musical productions, special restaurants, theatrical performances, gardens, historical sites, and more. Check www.kennebunkportrec.com or cable channel 2 for details.

FMI: 967-4304

www.kennebunkportrec.com

Kennebunkport Emergency Medical Services (KEMS) provides emergency medical care and transport to the citizens and visitors of Kennebunkport. KEMS originated as a volunteer organization in 1979 and has since transitioned into non-profit per diem EMS agency in 2016. KEMS is managed by a talented and experienced operations staff, led by Chief of Operations EMT-Paramedic Joseph Carroll, who has served the organization and town since 2002. His Assistant Chief of Operations EMT-Paramedic Sonja Nielsen has served the organization and town since 2012. Our newest created positions of EMS Coordinator and Public Health Liaison are staffed by EMT-Paramedic David Hamel and EMT-Basic Dean Auriemma.

KEMS is further managed under the direction of a volunteer Board of Directors. Our Board of Directors is comprised of 11 dedicated volunteers. Their positions include President James Stockman, Vice President Torry Didonato, Treasurer John Phillips, Secretary Sarah Beard, Medical Director Peter Tilney, Selectmen Representative Patrick



**By Joseph B. Carroll, Chief of Operations and
James M. Stockman, KEMS Board President**

Briggs, Board Member James Burrows, Board Member Judy Barrett, Board Member Betty Tacy, Board Member Christine Faiella, and Crew Representative Michael Hurlburt.

KEMS operating expenses come from the support funding we receive from the town of Kennebunkport, our ambulance treatment and transport billing fees for service, and the generous donations from the people of Kennebunkport. As volunteerism has declined universally across the United States, KEMS has had to evolve in an effort to remain current and continue to meet the

challenges associated with these changing trends. In 2017, KEMS made the transition from a combination of volunteers and per-diem staff to a fully paid staff of part-time employees comprised of EMS providers of all levels. While our service remains not-for-profit, this transition was absolutely necessary to maintain proper staffing levels appropriate to provide needed EMS coverage for the town. The funding we receive from the town, along with our service billing fees and donations are essential to our continued current operational levels and future sustainability.

Currently, the cost to maintain

our 24/7, 365 day coverage is \$293,710.00 for this fiscal year. Our ambulance billing and treatment fees are in-line with our surrounding ambulance services. The money we receive from the town, along with generous donations helps to off-set our operational costs associated with staffing, EMS treatment, medical transports and nontransports. We would like to thank the voters for their continued support, especially for our funding request of \$150,000 for this budget year.

In addition to the previously outlined budgeting items, we are also planning to introduce an ambulance subscription service in 2019 to the citizens of Kennebunkport. This subscription service when current and paid will allow the subscribing participant to be free of any additional charges not covered by Medicare/Medicaid, private insurance and supplemental insurance. Fees paid into the service are tax deductible for the participants. The money collected from this subscription program will be used to off-set our Medicare write-off's and unpaid transport bills.

The Kennebunkport Cemetery Committee

By Greg Pargellis

We, on the Cemetery Committee, are tasked with the duty of maintaining all of the town's 76 private cemeteries. There is a wide variety of cemeteries in our town ranging from very small with one burial, to a large one with 472 burials. Some are in manicured fields, many seem forgotten deep in the woods. The ones with veterans in them get top priority, with cemeteries visible from the road getting some work as we can.



The most ornate cemetery fencing in town.

Back in the 1970's, Jim Steele, Clary Nickerson, and Nat Johnson cataloged all the cemeteries that they could find and wrote out the inscriptions on the stones. They even did some brief genealogies on the backs of some the cards, and also found some burials from town records with no headstones. This is really wonderful that they did this, because many stones are weathering, and the inscriptions are becoming difficult to read.

To bring us from the age of handwritten index cards to electronic data, the committee is entering this data into a spreadsheet so that it will be searchable and easily available. As we type, family triumphs and tragedies become evident. Too many families lost all of their children in the span of a month to some disease. Men lost wives in childbirth and remarried, sometimes more than once. Many couples were buried in family plots purchased by their parents and were not buried with their spouses. Some children were buried alone. More than I expected lived long lives into their late eighties or nineties. Many, many were lost at sea.

We meet several times a year when necessary to plan work parties or to decide on priorities for the year. This year, we are working on finding all of the "lost cemeteries" that none of us know the exact location. If you see a small group with hand tools wandering aimlessly in the woods, come say "hi" and join us: Ruth Fernandez, Greg Pargellis, Rita Schlegal, Ann Sanders and Lynda Bryan.

Elm tree watch

Do you love Kennebunkport? Do you love the trees that line our streets and give our town its unique charm? The Shade Tree Committee is seeking volunteers to help identify elm disease. If spotted early, it can be treated and save our trees! Volunteers would spend an hour, twice a week, inspecting trees (from the ground) for any signs of the disease. Volunteers are trained and are asked to conduct the inspections from mid-June through Labor Day, when the trees are most vulnerable. If you would like to help the town and trees, please contact John Ripton at jartphotos@gmail.com for more information. Interested volunteers should attend the June 7, 2018, orientation meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Village Fire Station, 32 North Street.

Loss

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he counted the members of the fire department as his brothers and sisters. He valued those relationships and the community he had chosen for his hometown, Kennebunkport, Maine. Chief Chisholm loved public service so much that after retiring as chief of the Hyannis Fire Department, he put his knowledge and experience to use with the station at Goose Rocks. He

joined the Kennebunkport Volunteer Fire Department in 1988 and served as assistant chief as well as two stints as acting chief of the Kennebunkport Fire Department. While his firefighting family was important, he always focused and loved spending time with his wife Heather, his children, and grandchildren, making them the center of his life.

Both will be missed, and the positive impact they had on this community and its people will be long lasting.

Computer Q and A – EVERY FRIDAY –

10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library
18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, ME 04046

Did you know that you could receive **Free Alerts** about Town of Kennebunkport happenings via e-mail? For instance: Will the trash be picked up because of the weather? What road will be closed due to construction or tree trimming? Bridge work? General notices? Storm warnings? Health classes? Dog license or beach pass renewal reminder? When are my taxes due? Is there a Selectmen's Meeting this week?

@ E-Alerts

Have no Fear... Help is Near! It's actually at 18 Maine Street. Please join **Arlene McMurray** from the Kennebunkport Town Office and **Mary-Lou Boucouvalas** from Graves Library every Friday from **10:00 to 11:00 a.m.** We will help you with your computer questions, show you how to **Subscribe** and receive free **E-mail Alerts** from the town of Kennebunkport, copy and paste documents, scan, fax, and copy. Please call the library for details (967-2778).

We can also help with how to find information—the right information—by searching a reputable, reliable, online, database system.

Need help with Facebook? A job search? Download an audio or e-book? Add apps to your portable device?

Join us in the Business Center and learn how to search for tax rebates; lower your CMP usage; get stock market updates; find out where to live or work; or where things are happening in Kennebunkport. All of these things (and more) will be addressed.

Please note: If you cannot make it on Friday, we are always happy to assist during regular library hours as well.

Parsons Way is ready for visitors

By Louise Spang



Parsons Way

Parsons Way is trimmed and ready to welcome visitors from near and far away. Although the March storms were unusually vicious, the subcontractors were able to tackle the trimming and maintenance like pros. Many thanks to Bob Thibideau and his crew at Thibideau Landscaping.

Also, of note, recently Parsons Way was celebrated in a really well written essay featured in *Zest Home and Gardens and Other Passions Maine*. For those of you who love Parsons Way like so many do, it will certainly resonate with you. I encourage you to go to the following link to read it online or to purchase a copy of the magazine at your local store.

Nina's Benches essay: <http://zestmainehome.com/2018-nina-ella-jonas-essay>. Many thanks to Nina for here eloquent words.