

KENNEBUNKPORT Town Review

A newsletter for the residents of Kennebunkport

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Winter 2002

Holiday Trash Collection Schedule

Christmas and New Years fall on Wednesday this year, and because there is no regular trash collection on Wednesdays,

trash collection in Kennebunkport will remain the same for those holiday weeks.

Town Office Holiday Schedule

The Town Office will close at noon on Tuesday, December 24, 2002, and will be closed all day on Wednesday, December 25, 2002, and January 1, 2003.

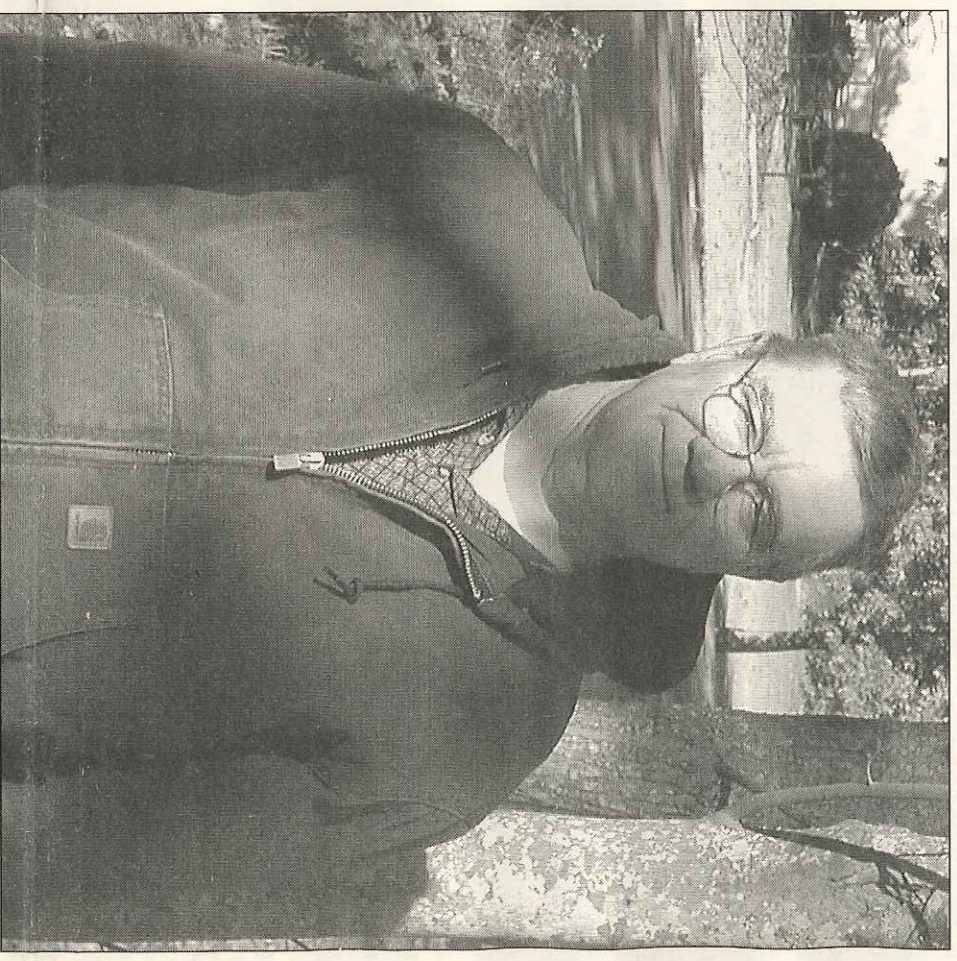
Jim Burrows, Firefighter of the Year

By Town Manager
Nathan A. Poore

Congratulations are in order for Fire Administrator Jim Burrows. Jim is the recipient of the Firefighter of the Year Award presented by the Maine Federation of Firefighters.

According to Ogunquit Fire Chief Steve Howe, Jim was nominated because of his "countless volunteer hours in support of a variety of projects at the Seacoast Regional Fire Training site in Ogunquit." His nomination letter states that Jim's knowledge and expertise were invaluable in the planning, coordination, and presentation of numerous state recognized Firefighter I and II training programs.

Jim has been with the Kennebunkport Fire Services for 42 years. Since 1989, he has been employed by the Town of Kennebunkport as



Firefighter of the Year..Jim Burrows.

fire administrator.

Jim is an asset to the Town and deserves recognition. If you hap-

pen to run into him, please feel free to express your appreciation for his achievements.

Comprehensive Plan Public Forums

By Growth Planning Committee

The next public forum on the development of the Comprehensive Plan will be on the subject of the Economy of the Town. This forum will be held on January 7, 2003.

Another forum, this one on the subject of Land Use, will be held on January 14.

The times and locations of these meetings will be posted at the Town Office and on the Town's website at: <http://www.town.kennebunkport.me.us/Home>

We urge all of you to attend these meetings.

Tour the Town Website

The Town website, which was launched this past summer, has received favorable reviews. Our website contains a municipal directory, calendar and minutes of committee/board meetings, town ordinances, and other pertinent town information. To keep current with town events, you may subscribe to receive meeting agendas and public notices via e-mail as soon as they are posted to the site.

Please visit our site at
[http:// www.town.kennebunkport.me.us/Home](http://www.town.kennebunkport.me.us/Home)

Selectmen's Meetings Televised

You can now watch the Kennebunkport Board of Selectmen's Meetings live on the Kennebunk/Kennebunkport Government/Education Channel (Channel 5).

A schedule of broadcast times are listed on Channel 9.

RECYCLE



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Kennebunkport Parks & Recreation

By Parks & Recreation Director Carol Cook

Family Ski Program Options

We are pleased to announce two options in our family ski program this winter; 5 Sundays at Shawnee Peak and/or 3 at Mt. Abram. "It is really neat to go skiing and see so many familiar faces at the mountain. There is an additional sense of security in knowing that others are helping to keep an eye on your kids," commented a previous participant. Shawnee Peak dates are December 29, January 12 & 26, and February 9 & 23. Mt. Abram is expecting "the Kennebunkport contingent" on January 19, and February 2 & 16. Both mountains are offering terrific package deals ranging in price from \$110 or \$60 for lift only at Shawnee or Abram respectively to \$220 or \$165 for lift, lesson, and rental. Contact the recreation department at 967-4304 for more details and registration information. The deadline is December 5 at 5:30.

Youth Basketball

We have a variety of basketball programs ranging from clinics for kindergartn, first, and second graders through recreational league play for grades 3-4 and 5-6, and more competitive travel opportunities for fifth and sixth graders. Schedules, fees, deadlines, and levels of commitment vary with each program; interested individuals must contact the recreation department for further information.

Magic of Christmas

Senior citizens of the community

FMI Call: 967-4304

Thanks To All Who Contributed

By Town Manager
Nathan A. Poore

As town manager, I am proud to work for a town that has so many generous, caring people. People who are willing to not only contribute their time on a number of committees/boards, but also offer financial support to causes, which help preserve the beauty and character of the Town.

As a result of contributions received from individuals and organizations within the community, the Dock Square Monument restoration will take place next spring. The project costs are estimated to be in the \$3,200 - \$4,000 range. The Town received \$325 from individual donations and The Virginia Hodgkins Somers Foundation has

are invited to see the Portland Symphony Orchestra's annual performance for the Magic of Christmas at the Merrill Auditorium on Friday, December 20. The recreation van will leave the parking lot at 30 North Street at 11:00 and Shoppers' Village at 11:15. We will make a quick stop at the Portland Public Market for shopping and lunch before attending the 2:00 show. Limited to 12 participants, call early for a seat.

TaekwonDo

TaekwonDo literally means the "art of kicking and punching". It is based on 2000 years of history. Not only does TKD encompass the physical, it also helps build self-discipline, confidence, and self-respect in its participants. Our two instructors, Mark and Abraham Feldman both have black belts. It is a great class for people of varying ages, with everyone advancing at their own pace. This safe and fun program naturally promotes education, anger management, fitness, flexibility, and a positive self-esteem.

Classes are held at the Consolidated School gym twice weekly. The fee is just \$25/month, and potential participants are encouraged to attend a couple free introductory classes before committing to the registration. Classes are ongoing, new people are welcome to attend at any time. Come check it out!

offered to award the Town a grant for the remaining balance.

Jonathan Taggart, Taggart Objects Conservation, of Georgetown, Maine, will carry out the project. Mr. Taggart has an impressive resume and extensive experience nationally in the field of objects conservation. We are confident that he will restore the Town's landmark to our satisfaction.

For the purchase of dog waste disposal dispensers, the Town received a \$1,000 donation from an individual in the community and a total of \$712 from organizations and businesses. These dispensers are installed at various locations throughout the Town. A special thanks to all of you for your support.

RESULTS OF ELECTION

GENERAL ELECTION

November 5, 2002

By Town Clerk April Dufoe

The Moderator, Christian Barner, declared the polls open for voting at 8 A.M. The polls remained open until 8 P.M. at which time the counting was done. The total votes cast were 2,085. The following results were announced:

OFFICE	CANDIDATE	VOTE
U.S. Senator	Collins, Susan M. (R)	1301
	Pingree, Chellie (D)	765
	Write-ins	1
Governor	Baldacci, John E. (D)	659
	Carter, Jonathan K. (G)	306
	Cianchette, Peter E. (R)	1055
	Michael, John M. (I)	40
	Write-ins	2
Rep. To Congress	Allen, Thomas H. (D)	984
District #1	Joyce, Steven (R)	1054
	Write-ins	1
State Senate	Haggett, Robert D. (R)	1059
District #332	Lafortune, Dorothy (G)	262
	LaFountain, Lloyd P. III (D)	682
	Write-ins	1
Rep. To Legislature	Sullivan, Nancy B. (D)	1468
District #17	Write-ins	34
County Treasurer	Awood, James D. (R)	1259
	Plante, Jerome G. (D)	636
	Write-ins	3
Register of Deeds	Anderson, Debra L. (D)	857
	Jewett, Martin H. (R)	1027
	Write-ins	1
Sheriff	Cote, Philip G. (D)	767
	Phinney, C. Wesley, Jr. (R)	1167
	Write-ins	1
District Attorney	Cantara, Michael P. (D)	1428
District #1	Write-ins	16
County Commissioner	Dutremble, Lucien A. (D)	1365
District #2	Write-ins	18

REFERENDUM ELECTION RESULTS

QUESTION 1	YES - 924	NO - 1096
QUESTION 2	YES - 1398	NO - 641
QUESTION 3	YES - 1282	NO - 698

I declare this to be the Official Results of the General Election held in Kennebunkport, Maine on November 5, 2002.

RESULTS OF ELECTION

SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION

November 5, 2002

By Town Clerk April Dufoe

The Moderator, Christian Barner, declared the polls open for voting at 8 A.M. The polls remained open until 8 P.M. at which time the counting was done. The total votes cast, either in person or by absentee ballot, were 2086, which was approximately a 70% voter turnout. The following results were announced:

REFERENDUM ELECTION RESULTS

QUESTION 1:	YES - 1316	NO - 725	(Fluoride)
QUESTION 2:	YES - 1306	NO - 733	(Growth caps)
QUESTION 3:	YES - 1361	NO - 680	(150 parking spaces)
QUESTION 4:	YES - 1349	NO - 696	(Free parking)
QUESTION 5:	YES - 886	NO - 1111	(Bus res. funding)
QUESTION 6:	YES - 262	NO - 1781	(Casinos in Kport)
QUESTION 7:	YES - 1060	NO - 983	(Funding/no casinos)

I declare this to be the Official Results of the Referendum Election held in Kennebunkport, Maine on November 5, 2002.

KENNEBUNKPORT PUBLIC HEALTH

967-4401

By Judith Barrett Worthen R.N., B.S. and Helene DiCesare R.N., B.S.N.

Residents are reminded that the filing deadline for the 2002 Property Tax and Rent Refund Program is December 31, 2002. Contact the Public Health Department if you would like an application. Residents who qualify for the low cost drug program for the elderly or disabled also need to complete this form.

The cost of medications continues to increase greatly. The Public Health Department provides information on a number of medical plans offered under federal, state and pharmaceutical assistance programs. We have applications for several programs in our office.

West Nile Virus

This past summer and fall, residents of Maine were alerted towards the dangers of West Nile Virus. This virus is transmitted by mosquitoes. While there are about 40 different types of mosquitoes in Maine, most do not transmit West Nile Virus.

Many of the mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Weeds, tall grass and shrubbery provide an outdoor home for adult mosquitoes. Containers that hold water

such as tires and flower pots are ideal breeding grounds. Fall clean-up is the time to survey your property and rid it of possible breeding sites. Monitor your home for possible mosquito entry ways, such as holes in screens. Make your home repairs in the fall and you will be ready for the first wave of springtime mosquitoes.

There are many methods available to decrease the number of mosquitoes around your property. A popular environmentally friendly method is placing dragonflies near fresh water sources. Several companies are now taking orders for spring delivery. If you are interested in West Nile Virus and mosquito control, please contact our office for more information and resources.

Senior Meal Site

The bi-monthly Senior Meal site is now being held at the Masonic Lodge on North Street. The change of location is due to the increased number of seniors attending this noontime activity.

Our doors open at 11 a.m. for entertainment, BINGO, crafts and socialization. Seniors are remind-

ed that if there is no school due to a holiday or inclement weather, there is no luncheon.

Residents are encouraged to call the Health office (967-4401) for reservations.

We wish to thank the members of the First Congregational Church for their support of this project. Without their help, we would not have been able to establish the senior luncheon.

The Volunteer Board

The Volunteer Board joins us in thanking all the generous residents who helped us provide a

happy holiday season for our community. We appreciate your continued support. This season will be special because of your generosity.

We wish Kennebunkport residents and guests a happy and healthy holiday season. It is still not too late to receive the FLU vaccine. If you should take a tumble on the ice or have a guest with special needs, we have a loan closet of home medical equipment for your use.

Please call us with your medical or social service concerns. We are here to help. There is a nurse on call, evenings, weekends and holidays.

Will Public Ice Skating Return to Kennebunkport?

By Parks & Recreation Director Carol Cook

You may have seen the recent newspaper articles about a new project of the recreation committee. We are looking at a piece of town-owned property on Route 9 near the police station. Sebago Technics is marking the wetlands

and completing other tests before developing a preliminary plan. The project has generated a lot of excitement, we certainly hope that it may be a reality by the winter of 2004.

FMI Call: 967-4304

Police Department News

By Chief Joseph Brunì

It has been a very busy year for your police department. There have been many changes and challenges, from hiring new personnel and promotions within the department, to a new look for the outside of the building. We had three Presidential Visits on Walker's Point and an active summer at Goose Rocks Beach.

First, I would like to mention that at the start of the year, Chief Sullivan decided to step down after over 30 years of service to our town. This department is what it is today because of his hard work, guidance, strong sense of integrity, and responsibility to the community.

The expansion to the police station was completed in February. The dispatch center was extended to comply with state laws relating to E-9-1-1. The dispatchers were instrumental in the completion of the project. They designed the final floor plan that suited their needs in order to best serve our community. The Town nurses have moved their office next door to the police station. They have more room to better serve you and, more importantly,

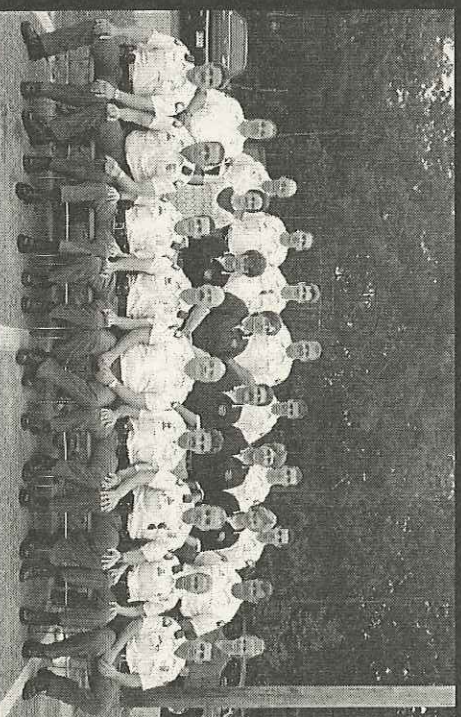
access to the nurses is easier with plenty of parking and a short walking distance to the front door.

This past spring, the yard around the Police and Communications building had taken on a new look. We added grass around the building. We also added flowers along the entrance and to front of the building. We would like to extend a special thanks to the Seacoast Garden Club for its advice and help. We are proud of our station and want it to look its best every time you stop in or drive by.

In April, we hired two new full-time police officers. Michael Caiola and Marc Laflamme were hired to fill vacancies. Both had worked as Summer Reserve Officers over the past couple of seasons.

This year, we added an officer to patrol Goose Rocks Beach at night. The officer's presence was noticed by many citizens at the beach. We noticed a considerable drop in beach complaints and more importantly, there was a reduction in the damage to the beach area itself. Officer Kris Barden kept an eye on the beach fires making sure that the

KENNEBUNKPORT POLICE AND COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENTS SPRING 2002



M. Emerson, S. Sargent, D. Scull, D. Breault, M. MacVane, R. Drown, K. Barden
A. Daigle, D. Spang, D. Eaton, D. Laroche, K. Smith, G. Dow, K. Nelson, G. Plamondon, T. Thénault
M. Laflamme, T. Thibodeau, C. Simeoni, K. Moses, J. Brunì, S. Shisler, D. Fiske, K. Pelletier, M. Caiola
Absent from photo:
K. Mills, A. Moir

responsible parties cleaned the beach before they left. Many citizens felt more at ease by seeing Officer Barden walking the beach or

riding his bike in the neighborhood. He also played an important role in solving a costly vandalism. See **POLICE** page 4

Your police department is dedicated to serving you. I would like to extend an invitation for each of you to come to the station and meet with us. We are here to serve you 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. There is no problem to small for us to help you with. We can better serve you if we know what is on your minds. To answer any questions or to hear comments please call me at 207-967-2454.

Town of Kennebunkport 350th Anniversary

By 350th Anniversary Committee

Kennebunkport will be celebrating its 350th anniversary in the year 2003. To commemorate this significant event, many activities are planned.

The Kennebunkport book by Tom Bradbury and Pam Wood, the originator of Salt Magazine, is at the publishers and will be delivered in time for Prelude. An agreement is circulating among the business community about selling the book on consignment and/or using our logo for gift items next year.

Ellen Doubleday, our coordinator of volunteers needs people to help distribute boxes of the commemorative books to merchants. Volunteers can contact her at 967-4486 or e-



mail: davidd@adelphia.net.

Our calendar of 350th events is filling up, starting with a series of slide shows next spring and a Town birthday party in June. Miss Dumpty will return for one final parade in July. There is a children's fair at Consolidated School, a historical parade in September, an October Farm Fest in Arundel, colonial Thanksgiving services in the churches, and lots in between to be announced.

POLICE

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crime that might have gotten away from us if he wasn't on patrol.

In the daytime, we worked to reduce the incidents of dogs on the beach especially in the morning.

Our daytime officers were at your service as usual to assist on the beach, enforce the parking ordi-

nances, and monitor the heavy pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

Of course, Ocean Avenue was a busy again this past summer. Officer David Breault worked hard to keep the traffic moving around Walker's Point and the Colony Beach Area.

In August, Kurt Moses was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Lt. Moses possesses strong administra-

New Town Office Phone System

The Town Office telephone system was upgraded in conjunction with the Town Office renovation completed this past July. The new phone system increases efficiency by allowing more incoming calls and messages to reach their destination.

We realize that this advancement may be challenging at first, as is the case with anything unfamiliar, but in time, we anticipate that callers will be able to maneuver smoothly within the system after making a few calls.

Reaching the desired party can be accomplished quickly by dialing 967-4243. At this point, the caller has several series of options. The first option is to listen to the directions provided by the automated system and make the appropriate selection.

One of the automated options that the caller will hear is to select the number 8 for a directory of employee extensions. The directory will provide a listing of employee names and extensions that will connect the caller to individual employees. At any time, simply dial the desired party's extension for a direct connection.

A complete listing of extensions are provided below:

<u>Departments</u>	<u>Extensions</u>
Town Manager	106
Town Manager's Assistant	107
Assessing	102
Code Enforcement/Planning Secretary	105
Code Enforcement Officer	104
Code Enforcement Officer - Assistant	103
Finance	108, 109
Tax Collector	100, 101
Town Clerk	110

Time to Register Your Dog

By Town Clerk April Dufoe

It's that time of year again! Time 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 State unless the dog has been licensed. Each owner of a dog that is six months of age or older must obtain the 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.

When you come to Town Hall to 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

tive and personnel skills that will help me run the department. He is very knowledgeable about the local people and an excellent resource in dealing with outside agencies.

Officer Michael Caiola departed for the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. He will be in training for 18 weeks and will graduate on December 20th.

In September, Officer Kris Barden was hired full-time. He will be attending the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, along with Marc Laflamme in February. They will graduate in June of 2004.

In October, Troy Thibodeau was promoted to the position of Detective. He replaced Kurt Moses when Kurt was promoted to Lieutenant. Detective Thibodeau is enthusiastic, and we expect a great deal of production from him.

We would like to invite you to attend a monthly meeting to discuss various issues in our community. The purpose of these meetings will be to better inform you on how your police department is handling certain situations and to educate you on crimes: for example, crimes against the elderly, computer crimes and certain

you the dog's Certificate of Neutering that was provided by the veterinarian after the surgery. 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.

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 worn at all times by the dog.

So don't wait until the last minute. Come early and avoid waiting in line. The Town Clerk's hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

scams like driveway paving.

We will also discuss topics related to seasonal issues such as the house check program, bad checks, counterfeit money and other issues for the business community. We would like to know what is on your mind relating to your police department. The meetings will be held at the Port Village Fire Department on North Street. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2003, at 6 p.m. The topic for the first meeting will be Reporting and Proper Procedures for Property Crimes. Detective Troy Thibodeau will be facilitating the meeting.

We would like to remind you that between December 1st and April 15th there is a winter parking ban in effect. Parking is prohibited on any public way between 12 midnight and 6 am. This ban helps the highway department clear the roadways for not only normal traffic, but more importantly, police, fire and KEMS responses.

Also, for those leaving for an extended period of time, please come by and fill out a house check form. This gives us more information to keep our neighborhoods safe and to reduce crime.

