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Kennebunkport Parks & Recreation Planning for the future

By Carol Cook, Director of Parks and Recreation

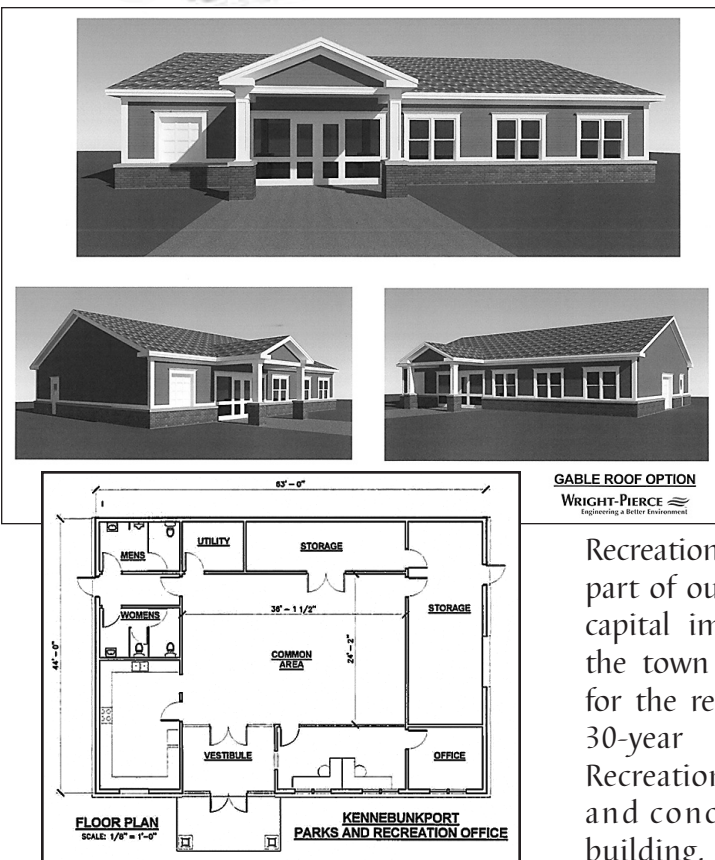
The annual town meeting in June will determine the future of a new building for the Parks and

Recreation Department. As part of our fiscal year 2018 capital improvement plan, the town is seeking funds for the replacement of the 30-year old Parks and Recreation modular unit and concession/storage building. Although the

department has done well to function in the current structure, it is in desperate need of repairs and upgrades. An analysis performed on the building quickly led us to understand that it would cost almost as much to rehab the current structure as to build new.

The new design includes a multi-function facility that will house the offices, storage (both interior and exterior), a concession area, a program space, and public restrooms. Although there will be more space, this will not alleviate the need to use school facilities for programming, but it will allow

for flexibility during school hours. The design will complement the architectural elements of Consolidated School and yet be functional for the specific needs of our recreation department. The new building will be located on the corner of Parson's Field near the site of the current concession stand. The project will be funded through the Parks and Recreation reserve fund and a bond for \$450,000. The town will be retiring the 2009 road bond in 2018, and the impact of these new loan payments will still allow for a decrease in our debt service schedule.



Have you ever wondered why we have so many beautiful trees in our town, and who is responsible?

By Patrick Briggs, Tree Warden

Kennebunkport is entering its 40th year as a recognized TREE CITY USA town. The Shade Tree Committee is working diligently to maintain this national recognition. We are fortunate to have several dedicated and well qualified members to oversee its activities.

Suzanne Stohlman is chair of the committee and coordinates the activities with the town manager, the Public Works Director Mike Claus, and the state of Maine agencies. She has lived here for 40 years and became involved with the committee 10 years ago to ensure that the three beautiful elm

trees on her property would continue to be cared for properly. Annually, she participates in a weekly "elm tree watch" around town, checking the trees for any signs of the Dutch elm disease. Her keen eye for spotting early detection of the disease greatly increases the success of the treatment used to combat destruction of these beautiful trees.

Kimberly Gurski joined the committee four years ago and has been serving as secretary for the past three years. She has two elms in

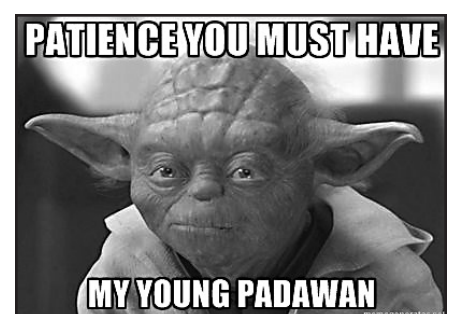
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Patience

By Craig Sanford,
Police Chief

Many say it is a virtue, others say it is a gift. I say it is an important part of mutual respect, and we should all practice displaying a little more. Last year, I feel was one of the more difficult years for our summer staff. The people that come each summer to help the full-time staff are asked to do many unpleasant tasks. We ask them to give directions to visitors, manage parking lots, ensure ordinances are being followed, and give out parking tickets. They are usually young folks on summer break or folks that are just looking for alternate income to be a productive member of the community.

In law enforcement, we are rarely called to a "good event," so the full-time staff gets accustomed to the potential for a negative interaction. The summer staffers are not and can be unfairly treated as some would treat a full-time police officer. We train these part-time folks each year in proper procedure dealing with radios, paperwork, and town orientation, but no time is available to prepare them for the name calling and impatience displayed by some summer visitors.



They can call for assistance during times of need and have a police officer come to the scene. In most cases, the individual that chooses to not show patience has either left in fear or will exacerbate the situation and embellish what happened. Either way, the summer employee is left with a negative outlook and may not want to continue their work.

When this happens, I am saddened and embarrassed for the community. People may not want to return either to work here or even visit here. No one enjoys being mistreated, especially when they are working in the hot summer sun. Please take a moment before you potentially get angry with summer staff, whether it be for a parking violation or being asked to follow a town ordinance. The staff did not write the rule that you may be violating. They are nice folks—just like us—who are doing their assigned jobs. Be safe, have fun, but be patient and show a little kindness.

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Proposed revisions to the Shellfish Conservation Ordinance

By Tracey O’Roak, Town Clerk

Question #1 on the ballot for the June 13, 2017, election proposes two changes to the Shellfish Conservation Ordinance. The first change would allow the shellfish warden to live outside of Kennebunkport. The shellfish warden position requires specialized training and knowledge; therefore, it can be difficult to find a suitable candidate within the town. This change would allow for a larger and more qualified pool of candidates when hiring for this position.

The second change adds language regarding the harvesting of clams in closed areas. It clarifies violations and makes it easier for the town to enforce conservation closures. The specific wording was provided by the state of Maine and the state is requesting that all towns with Shellfish Ordinances add this language.

Both changes were approved by the Shellfish Conservation Committee.

It should be noted that Question #2 on the ballot ties in with the same issue. The proposed amendment to the Administrative Code removes the requirement that the chair of the Shellfish Conservation Committee, serving as shellfish warden, be a resident of Kennebunkport. The proposed change was approved by the Administrative Code Committee.

Question 3: enactment of a Key Lock Box Ordinance

By James Burrows, Acting Fire Chief
Dick Stedman, Fire Administrator

This June, Kennebunkport voters will be asked to approve a Key Lock Box Ordinance that is intended to facilitate entry into certain buildings by local services in an emergency situation. This will affect all residences with an automatic fire alarm system and any commercial building constructed or significantly renovated after October 1, 2017. It will also affect any property with a security gate at its vehicular entrance. The Kennebunkport



Fire Department has utilized the key lock box system from the **Knox Company** for many years, and over 50 structures in the town are presently equipped with a “Knox Box.” A master key for a structure is locked in these secure boxes which can only be opened by the Kennebunkport Fire Department or the Kennebunkport Emergency Medical Services personnel. Access keys for the boxes are securely maintained in one fire truck from each of the departments four stations and the KEMS ambulance.

The Kennebunkport Fire Department and Kennebunkport Emergency Medical Services are hoping the residents will vote in favor of the proposed Key Lock Box Ordinance in order to provide an added degree of safety to those properties and persons who have automatic devices that summon assistance. A locked door on a property occupied by persons with medical alert devices results in damage to the property and an increase in time for medical help to reach the person who has activated the alarm.

The Fire Department, when it is dispatched to an automatic alarm, can only survey the structure from the outside if they do not have keys to the property. In the event of a non-fire emergency such as broken water pipes or roof leaks, there is a time delay while waiting for a person with a key to the property to arrive and allow entry into the structure. In these cases, if entry cannot be made to the property, the damage may continue for days until someone checks the property.

The two emergency agencies believe they can provide a better service to our residents if they provide a “Knox” box on their property.

For the full details on the proposed ordinance, please refer to the Town Clerk’s page at the town’s website: www.kennebunkportme.gov.

Town of Kennebunkport Annual Town Meeting June 13 and 17, 2017

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 13th day of June, AD 2017, 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 13, 2017, 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 17th day of June AD 2017, 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 www.kennebunkportme.gov.

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

Tracey O’Roak
Town Clerk

Absentee ballots now available

By Tracey O’Roak, Town Clerk

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 13, 2017, 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 8, 2017.*

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

Registrar of Voters will hold evening hours

By Tracey O’Roak, Town Clerk

The Kennebunkport Town Clerk/Registrar of Voters will hold evening hours at the Kennebunkport Town Hall on Thursday, June 8, 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.

Public works news

By Michael Claus, Public Works Director

The Public Works Department employees watched with the rest of the town as late winter storms left deep snow cover on the ground into April. Our spring cleanup was about a month behind last year; but between storms, we utilized our new sweeper to do some preliminary winter sand collection. We worked with T-Buck Construction to keep the Dock Square area open with snow removal operations to help residents and visitors park and enjoy Dock Square during the Lanigan Bridge closure in March and April. Our public works crew was out on Goose Rocks Road trimming trees while CMP and Lucas Tree were trimming back School Street and Old Cape Road this winter.

Planning for Mills Road reconstruction continued this winter as we met with residents and had a public hearing with the Board of Selectmen. Shoulder base reconstruction will be taking place this summer with road reconstruction to follow. We are working with MaineDOT to secure 50% state funding to repave Mills Road from Beachwood Avenue to Dyke Road. Our other cost-sharing project with MaineDOT is on North Street, where we look for the previously approved Olde Port Village project to complete utility connections in the North Street right of way before reconstructing North Street from Meserve Lane to the Bass Cove Cemetery. Reconstruction of North Street from River Road to the Arundel town line is scheduled to follow the work we accomplished last summer.

Tree trimming work continued around town with both CMP and the town trimming roadside trees. Road clearance improvements were made on School Street, Old Cape Road, and Goose Rocks Road. We hope to complete tree trimming on Goose Rocks Road and continue with work on Whitten Hill Road, Guinea Road, and Walkers Lane as time and budgeting permit.

The Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, and Wells Water District and Kennebunkport wastewater will be doing utility work on Greene Street this spring. Public works will coordinate street opening repair with them as needed.

At the Dock Square parking lot, public works will reinstall the ticket machine and canopy next to the restrooms that will allow parking lot users to prepay with cash or credit card prior to exiting the lot.

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.

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.



The new sweeper working on spring cleanup at Woodlawn Avenue.



Reduce • Reuse • Recycle

Goose Rocks Beach FAQ

When are parking stickers required?

Parking stickers are required from Memorial weekend through Labor Day during the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Do I still need a sticker if I live in Kennebunkport?

Any vehicle that parks in the marked spaces along the beach require a sticker.

Can I purchase stickers for my out-of-town guests?

You may purchase nonresidents stickers for guests' vehicles, or you can let them use your vehicle with the resident sticker already affixed.

Do I have to purchase a sticker for the whole season?

You may purchase daily or weekly stickers. You will need to specify the dates that you plan to use the sticker.

Where can I buy parking stickers?

Beach stickers may be purchased at the Kennebunkport Town Hall, Kennebunkport Police Station, and the Goose Rocks General Store.

Can I walk my dog on Goose Rocks Beach?

Dogs are allowed at certain times of the day, depending on the time of year. The following is a breakdown of the summer rules:

April 1-June 14

6:00 a.m.-7:30 a.m.: Leashed or under voice/sight control

After 7:30 a.m.: LEASH REQUIRED

June 15-September 30

6:00 a.m.-7:30 a.m.: Leashed or under voice/sight control

7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. and after 6 p.m.: LEASH REQUIRED

8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.: NO DOGS ON THE BEACH

PLEASE NOTE:

April 1-September 30

Must use LEASH in West End Plover Protection Area and any other designated Limited Dog Access Areas. **No dogs within 200 feet of any marked Nesting Area.**

Goose Rocks Beach summer and fall trash and recycling schedule

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

In the summer, the collection schedule changes to Saturdays.

Summer and fall of 2017 GRB collection days

- **Saturday, June 17, 2017, through Saturday, September 9, 2017**—Recycling will be collected every Saturday during this time.
- **Fall of 2017—Starting September 15, 2017**—The schedule returns to Fridays for trash and recycling pickup. The recycling schedule is back to every other week starting on this day.
- **Hours of trash and recycling collection**—No earlier than 6:30 AM and completed no later than 6:00 PM.

Trash and recycling containers may be put out no earlier than 4 PM the day prior to scheduled collection and should be removed within 24 hours of pick up.

REMINDER

The last day to request an absentee ballot for the upcoming election is

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Wastewater updates

By Dale Wermenchuk, Lead Operator

Working the plan and planning the work

At times, we are reminded that there is a process to everything we do. Our latest test is to finally go out to bid with the Greene Street and Chicks Creek pump station rebuild and upgrade projects. Our getting to the 100% design stage required several meetings and hours of review by many of the staff at the treatment plant. The details were scrutinized and plans were made to complete both projects during a time that would minimize impact to the community. With these stations being a critical part of our infrastructure, they need to remain operational during the entire construction process and with that come challenges. We are confident that we have the plans to ensure interruption free service. Our engineers (Wright-Pierce Engineering) have put together a bid package that addresses our concerns on behalf of the town, and they tailored it addressing each issue we had. We are looking forward to the next stage of finding out who will be our contractors and seeing these much needed improvements implemented.

Airing things out

Back in June, we completed the replacement of several air release valves around town. These valves are an important part of pump efficiency. By allowing air to escape from the forced sewer system, the pumps work less to overcome these pressurized zones that develop in the lines. Hidden components like these are vital to the efficient moving of wastewater throughout the entire network. Years take their toll on these devices because of the harsh locations they work in and like any mechanical device, they can only operate for so long before they fail. These newer valves are easily serviced, maintained, and are made from a chemical resistant composite material that should last for many years in some of the toughest of environments.

Rolling along

The treatment plant had to replace one of its vehicles this year. Each of the three vehicles that the wastewater department maintains has a unique role in servicing the community's needs. The latest vehicle is a Ford F350 Flatbed truck. Once we took delivery of it from the dealer, we had to install things like safety lights, a two-way radio, sideboards for the bed, side and rear steps, and a storage box for tools. With these customized features, we now have a vehicle equipped to help us do all that we need it to do. This vehicle will serve a variety of rolls for the town. This truck's role will include towing portable generators, hauling chemicals and service equipment, transporting excavated dirt



and road material from manhole rehabilitation projects, and plowing. This winter, we were even able to assist the Highway Department while they were short-handed by taking on some of their plow duties around town.

This old plant

While nearly everyone tackles a home improvement project or two during their life, we always have ongoing maintenance here. From paint to wood frame construction, we've tackled it all. Painting projects kept some employees busy this winter while the others tended to daily operations. We also framed in and closed off two aging overhead doors that were no longer working or needed. Balancing these immediate needs with long-term goals is always a challenge, but the entire team here has shown we can undertake just about any of the many small projects that make big differences in how the plant looks and runs.

Not so routine maintenance

Chief Operator Ron Taylor is now enjoying improved mobility with the successful replacement of a troublesome knee joint. Despite some minor discomfort associated with the surgery, he's walking around the plant like a new man. During his recovery, the team continued to run the plant as usual with everyone taking on what needed to be done. We're glad the 30+year department veteran is back. His knowledge of the town and all of the many components that are spread throughout the town are invaluable to us and the community.

Kennebunkport Parks & Recreation summer plans

By Carol Cook,
Director of Parks and Recreation

Our day camp will open on June 26 and run through August 18 with programs and activities for pre-school through 8th grade. We will be "back home" at Consolidated for our active, unique, quality programming. Thursday field trips are offered to exciting places like Funtown, Aquaboggin, Maine Wildlife Park, beaches, and state parks. Compare our program, our flexibility, and our price; you'll be amazed at what we can do. We are the only recreation department in the area that takes children on a daily, weekly, sporadic, or seasonal basis; so, it can even accommodate grandchildren or summer visitors. Check out our online registration at www.kennebunkportrec.com or call 967-4304 for more detail.

Participants in our Girls Only, 4th/5th grade, Outdoor Adventure Club



L—R: Cassie Midgley, Sophia Grassi, Brianna Bundy, and Samantha Nill

The unintended consequences of a good time gone too far

By Craig Sanford, Police Chief

With warmer weather and the many reasons to celebrate life's memorable moments, we all must take time to remember life is precious and fragile. I would say most adults beyond the age of 40 can look back early in life and think of a time or two where they are lucky to be here today. I am no different.

I remember going to Monhegan Island with a high school friend and his parents for a week at their summer home my sophomore year. The island is a typical coastal Maine island remote, self-sufficient, and far from help. We ventured off to explore the jagged coast with much warning from my buddie's mom to "not get into trouble."

We were gone for most of the day and came upon a spot I think was called Thunder Hole. It was an area where the surf crashed on the rocks and made noise like thunder. The rocks were steep, and the cold ocean water was rough that day. All good indicators to adults to watch from a distance and admire the power and beauty safely. Of course, our young brains didn't see it that way. It was a challenge for us to see how close we could get without getting wet.

We climbed down toward the water and the noise. Rocks were wet and slippery, but I had to



get closer. Not realizing my situation, I moved down even closer until I started to slide on seaweed and began to slide right for the crashing waves. I looked at my friend and could see the terror on his face as I approached the cold water. I thought I was going in but was lucky to have the barnacles stop me as my toes started to get wet. Had I gone into the water, my friend would not have been able to help me. By the time he

reached his parents and some type of help arrived, I would have been gone never to be seen again.

The point I am trying to make is adult supervision is important in a young person's life. Adults have the experience to see danger and prevent poor decisions from being made. Care enough to have the tough conversations with younger folks before they get into a bad spot. Be strong enough to act to save someone who cannot see the danger themselves.

There is no pleasure in taking enforcement action on young people, but we need the responsible adults to do just that, BE RESPONSIBLE. We have ZERO tolerance for underage parties and will hold those facilitating them accountable. Celebrations are meant to be fun and memorable, but excess and lack of control can come with unintended consequences. The consequences can range from a criminal record all the way to the tragic loss of life. The entire community can suffer!

Celebrate the great moments to come, but remember to think of the future. It will be brighter with you in it! Adults, be examples for young people to follow. Have fun, but be safe.



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 Suzanne Stohlman at ssstohlman@hotmail.com for more information.

Floodplain mapping spring update

By Werner Gilliam, Director of Planning and Development

Last fall, we reported on updates regarding changes to the town's flood insurance rate maps. Well, spring is here and so are the latest revised preliminary maps. We are in the process of having our online map viewer updated to reflect these latest maps. Once that has been completed, property owners that are affected in any way will receive a postcard notification from the town letting them know that the maps are available for viewing.

Preliminary reviews of the 2017 maps indicate increases in the base flood elevation beyond what was proposed in 2013. It is important to note that the methods used in the 2017 preliminary maps utilize overly conservative methods and more than likely did not leverage data that was obtained by the Army Corps of Engineers in the recently federally funded North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study. This study was funded by the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 and was intended to conduct a comprehensive study to address flood risks and coastal vulnerability in the areas impacted by Hurricane Sandy. While Maine was fortunate to be spared much of the damage from Hurricane Sandy and did not receive as much focus in this study as areas further south, some modeling and statistical analysis was performed for the Maine coastline. Additional analysis would be needed to leverage this data and put it into a relevant format for flood mapping purposes.

See FLOODPLAIN page 7

Kennebunkport Public Health

By Judy Barrett R.N., B.S. and Alison Kenneway R.N., B.S.N.

The public health office will be going through transition as we adjust and hire new staff this spring. We will continue to provide skilled nursing care for our town residents and guests. We can visit you in your home, or if you prefer, at our office. For more information on the multiple functions of the Public Health Department as well as current medical information, visit the Public Health Department's webpage through the town's website. There is a lot of information there on support services throughout our community and local vicinity. We strive to provide as much information as we can and make it available to you. If you have any suggestions, please let us know. We have a new suggestion box outside our office door that is accessible 24 hours a day. *"How can we help you?"* Please let us know! Remember, we have the FREE durable medical equipment closet (LOAN CLOSET) filled with crutches, walkers, commodes, and shower chairs. Check with us before you buy! ☺



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

Flu Clinic News

Last fall, Kennebunkport Public Health teamed up with Rite Aid pharmacy to provide a community-wide flu clinic at 32 North Street. 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.



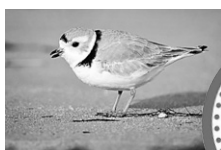
Kennebunkport Emergency Preparedness Program

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. To better serve you, we are updating our emergency contact list. 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 care for you.



Healthy Maine Beach Program

Kennebunkport will participate in the Healthy Maine Beach Program again this summer. Weekly, from Memorial Day—Labor Day, trained volunteers and town staff will be collecting water samples for enterococci bacteria and site-specific data. Results and history of our participation in this program are posted on the town of Kennebunkport's homepage under "Water Quality." There has been no change in the EPA exceedance level of 104 enterococci (an indicator of fecal contamination) before an Advisory is posted. 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. We need volunteers for this program. *If you are interested in becoming a Maine Healthy Beach volunteer, please contact the Public Health Department at 967-4401.*

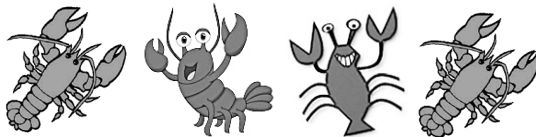


Well Water Test Day

Fifty percent of households in the state of Maine are serviced by private wells. Over 1,000 Kennebunkport households rely on a well for their water supply. It is strongly recommended by the Department of Health and Human Services Well Water Division that you have your water supply tested periodically for bacteria, radon, arsenic, copper, and lead. Suggested test schedule: dug wells every year, and artesian wells every three years. On June 10, we and Nelson Analytical Laboratory are offering our annual Kennebunkport residents-only reduced rate on

Well Water Test Day. Pick up a info packet and sample kit either at the Public Health Office or in the Police Department lobby. Follow the quick and simple directions for obtaining the sample. Then, deliver it to 32 North Street between 9 PM and 11 PM on June 10. All results are confidential between you and the lab. This simple step can have a huge impact on the health of your family. Please pay in cash or make out your check to Nelson Analytical. Put payment in the sample box along with your water sample. NOTE: We do not have a credit or debit card machine.

WATER TESTING



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. If there is even a tiny crack or break in the system, they can affect you or your neighbor's well water supply. Please read the directions and use these products sparingly and only if all other methods have failed. Discuss options with your yard maintenance or garden center staff. Read the product precautionary labels before purchasing household products.

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 13. The number of requests for food assistance does not diminish during the summer. When school is out and children do not receive the free or reduced rate breakfasts and lunch, requests increase. Our goal is to stock the Community Outreach Services Pantry shelves so no resident goes hungry. Also, we will have a donation jar present to accept cash or checks. Please make out your checks to Community Outreach Services. These funds are used to purchase food from the Good Shepherd Food Bank.



Stuff the Backpacks

In no time, you will see the back-to-school ads for supplies. Please help us purchase and fill backpacks for our children in need. Our projected delivery date to the parents is August 15. Items we need in addition to backpacks are: paper, notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons for the younger students, markers, rulers, 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.



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 or concerns at 967-4401.

Healthy Heart Community

Kennebunkport is one of the few communities in Maine that has earned the Healthy Heart Community distinction. 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.



This winter, we participated in "Little Hats, Big Hearts" program. Community knitters and crocheters gathered together and provided 45 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 fun and such a huge success that we will support it again next fall! Contact us for more information on how you can get involved!

Thanks to All

On a final note, I would like to thank the past and present town employees, Kennebunkport volunteer fire department, KEMS members, and especially the Kennebunkport Health Council for their support and friendship over the years. I feel very blessed to have been welcomed into the lives of Kennebunkport residents and guests. What a unique nursing career I've had.

Thank you—Judy Barrett

A date to remember—January 30, 2017

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By Craig Sanford, Police Chief

January 30, 2017, started the legalization of marijuana/cannabis for folks 21 years of age or older. It is a dynamic shift in the way local law enforcement looks at the issue. On one hand, the voters in the state of Maine have approved its use, while federally it is still illegal. We are sworn to uphold the United States Constitution as well as the laws of Maine and ordinances of Kennebunkport so one can see our dilemma. It is important for folks to have some basic facts as the new law is written.

- If you are 21 years of age or older, you may possess up to 2.5 ounces of marijuana.
- If you are 21 years of age or

older, you can give away up to 2.5 ounces of marijuana to another person 21 years of age or older.

- You are **NOT** allowed to use/consume marijuana or its derivatives in public.
- You are **NOT** allowed to use/consume marijuana or its derivatives in a motor vehicle on a public way.
- You are **NOT** allowed to purchase a gun if you use marijuana or its derivatives. It is a federal crime.
- You **MAY** grow your own marijuana. You may possess six (6) mature plants, twelve

(12) immature plants, and an unlimited number of seedlings. **Each** plant must be tagged with the owner's name and Maine driver's license number or identification number.

- You **MAY NOT** grow marijuana where it is visible to others, and it must be secured to prevent access by someone under the age of 21.

There are other important issues and prohibitions that every individual should research prior to embarking into a relationship with either marijuana use or its sale. Many of the business issues have been suspended until February or 2018 to allow proper regulation and oversight.

We ask our citizens to be careful of unintended consequences with the new allowable use of marijuana. Ensure you are in a safe environment when using, and lock up any unused material to prevent little ones from being exposed.

The Kennebunkport Police Department will ensure that officers are trained and have the equipment needed to properly enforce impaired driving.



Turn the page

By Laurie A. Smith,
Town Manager

This June, two of our longtime team members will be starting the next chapter of their lives as they retire from service. Judith Barrett's last day as Public Health Director will be June 16, and Mary Jane Grant's final day in Finance will be June 1. We are sad to see them go, but happy they will have more time to spend on their passions. Please join us in thanking them for 34 and 21 years of service, respectively.

Floodplain

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We are in the process of having the technical merits of FEMA's latest proposal reviewed by the town's engineering firm and will more than likely be preparing a proposal for an appeal. Our best estimate at this time anticipates an effective date sometime in the summer of 2018. Residents should stay tuned for further information in the months ahead. If property owners wish to discuss specific issues with their property, please contact Werner Gilliam at wgilliam@kennebunkportme.gov.

Trees

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her yard and became familiar with the annual program of injection treatments used as a preventative against the disease. She is also the liaison with the Kennebunkport Consolidated School and always looks forward to the annual celebration of Arbor Day with the students.

Nina Pearlmutter is the newest member of the committee. She holds a Ph.D. in botany and has been involved in biological research and teaching for more than 20 years, teaching at the University of Maine, Purdue University, and Iowa State University. She loves gardening and is a member of the American Chestnut Foundation and the New England Forestry Foundation. She continues to work as patent counsel for many companies in the research and development of new plant varieties and in renewable energy.

Steve Doe, a town resident for 20 years, holds a B.S. in landscape

architecture and is a registered landscape architect. Since 1986, he has been involved in site planning and design in many projects in southern and Mid-Coast Maine. He also owns a woodworking business that designs and builds high quality rustic furniture using reclaimed and salvaged wood from trees and old buildings.

Sarah Adams has served on the committee for three years. She is overseeing the production of a pamphlet for the committee that will guide visitors on a walking tour highlighting the trees in the Cape Porpoise area. She is the sales and marketing director for Maine-based Continuum Health Services. She can be found riding her horse, Milo, on her family's North Street farm almost every morning before work.

Patrick Briggs has been serving as the tree warden for the last year. He holds a B.S. degree in botany, an M.A. in management, and also serves as the town forester. He works closely with Licensed Arborist Bob Palmer looking after some 1,200 trees.



L-R: Sarah Adams, Michael Claus, Bob Palmer, Kim Gurski, Suzanne Stohlman, Pat Briggs, Nina Pearlmutter, and Steve Doe

Palmer is responsible for the Dutch elm disease prevention program. He has a long history of caring for the town's trees and continues to provide valuable advice on the best way to maintain all of the tagged trees in town.

Their efforts and with the cooperation of homeowners of land where



the tagged trees are located, enable us to continue to be nationally recognized as a TREE CITY USA town. The Committee thanks the town for its annual support that allows us to maintain the tree canopy which contributes to the quality of place that is Kennebunkport.

RSU 21 update

By Dr. Katie Hawes, Superintendent of Schools

It has been an exciting year at Kennebunkport Consolidated School. Last summer, the school underwent substantial renovations and new construction. In addition to the updated appearance, the building is now safer and more accessible. Some of the other highlights include a larger library, larger art room, new music room, new gym floor, and two new classrooms. Our facility has been brought up to modern standards and now matches the quality of the education provided within.

Consolidated School remains the *Pride of the Port*, with students providing community service, visiting local businesses, interacting with the environment at the Conservation Trust, showing off their talent during the school play, *Through the Looking Glass*, and hosting the widely-attended, Friday Morning Meetings. Students continue to excel academically in literacy and math. This year, we have upgraded the technology aspect of our academic program by adding a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Educational Technician and outfitting a lab with 3D printers and other design tools.

As the only International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme in Maine, Middle School of the Kennebunks students are giving back to the local, state, national, and international communities through over 150 community services projects. Two of these projects received national recognition and awards this year, bringing our students to Washington D.C. and providing others the honor of ringing the opening bell for the New York Stock Exchange. Kennebunk High School reached an articulation agreement with University of New England which allows our students to earn up to a full year of college credit while in high school.

Our building projects are on schedule and within budget. Kennebunkport Consolidated School was the first of our three major renovation projects to reach completion, hosting tours and a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in early December. Mildred L. Day students have moved into their new building, and we are ready to complete the grounds and parking lot as soon as Mother Nature cooperates. Kennebunk High School is shaping up to be absolutely beautiful with lots of natural light, appropriately sized classrooms and hallways, and a new library, auditorium, and cafeteria. We will



move into the new sections in September and begin renovations on the 1981 and 1939 parts of the existing building.

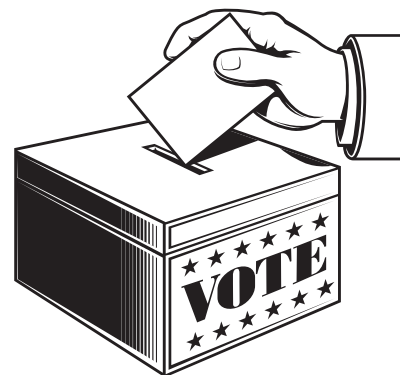
Counter to a declining population and so called “graying” across Maine, our school enrollment is increasing. The largest increases are occurring in late elementary and middle school. Young families consistently report moving to the area for our schools. As a result, property valuation in RSU 21 has grown by \$100 million, making us one of the fastest growing communities in Maine. Property value and tax base has increased substantially. However, as a result, our state funding for education has decreased by \$477,000. The good news is, your schools and communities are thriving, your property value assets are increasing, and there is a larger tax base to help mitigate the impact of this loss to the individual taxpayer.

Registrar of Voters will hold evening hours for absentee voting

The Kennebunkport Town Clerk/Registrar of Voters will hold evening hours at the Kennebunkport Town Hall on Thursday, June 8, 2017, 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 8, 2017.



- Reduce
- Reuse
- Recycle

Town holidays observed

(Town offices closed)

New Year's Day
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Washington's Birthday/
Presidents' Day
Patriots' Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Columbus Day
Veterans' Day
Thanksgiving Day
Thanksgiving Friday
Christmas