



Town Tidbits • Fall 2015

ELECTION DAY: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015

Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and voting takes place in the Edward Winston Auditorium at Town Hall. Voters will decide on three State bond questions as well as local referendum questions. There will also be a separate ballot for adopting the Kennebunk Sewer District Charter, 2015 revision.



Absentee Voting and Voter Registration: Ballots can be requested online at www.maine.gov. Type “absentee ballot” in the search box and follow the link to request a ballot. You may also visit or call the Town Clerk’s office to request a ballot beginning October 5th until October 29th. Voting absentee after October 29th is done by special circumstance only. Residents may register to vote during regular business hours in the Town Clerk’s office as well as the day of the Election (proof of Kennebunk residency is required). For additional dates and times to register and vote, as well as to see a sample ballot call 604-1326 or visit www.kennebunkmaine.us/townclerk.

Board of Selectmen

Kevin Donovan, Chairman
Richard Morin, Vice Chairman
Deborah Beal, Secretary
Daniel Boothby
Christopher Cluff
Edward Karytko
Shiloh Schulte

Town Manager

Barry Tibbetts

Selectmen Meeting Schedule

The Board of Selectmen meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. on the third floor of Town Hall. Meetings are also televised live on digital cable TV channel 5 and available live or on demand at www.townhallstreams.com

Town Hall Hours

Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Please note that the Recreation Department is closed from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. each day.

Stay Connected!

Visit our website where you can sign up to receive email and/or text messages with news alerts, community information and more. Sign up through the “Notify Me” link at www.kennebunkmaine.us



BikeMaine is coming!

BikeMaine is a 7 day cycling tour offered by the Bicycle Coalition of Maine. The tour will stop in Kennebunk on Friday, September 18th and Saturday, September 19th. Volunteer opportunities are posted online at www.kennebunkmaine.us/bikemaine. Sign up and help give a warm Kennebunk welcome! FMI contact Caroline Segalla at 251-5821 or csegalla@kennebunkmaine.us.

Buy-A-Brick and put your mark on Kennebunk

Have you seen the personalized, engraved bricks on display at the Waterhouse Center? Join these residents, businesses and friends in purchasing a brick for the Waterhouse Center. Your brick can honor a loved one, feature your business or commemorate a special occasion. These bricks are a lasting tribute, which help support the many programs offered at the Main Street facility. Order forms are available online www.kennebunkmaine.us/buyabrick or at Town Hall. Orders are taken on an ongoing basis.



The Town has implemented a new automated curbside system for solid waste (trash) and single-sort recycling. The new system utilizes town-issued containers. Pay-As-You-Throw bags are still required to be used and placed into the provided trash container. Recycling is now “single-sort,” with all acceptable recyclables going into the same container.

If collection falls on New Year’s Day, July 4th, Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day, collection will move to Friday. All other holidays are collected as usual. On storm days when school is cancelled, materials **will still be collected**. If extreme weather conditions prevent trucks from collecting, an alert will be placed on the Town’s website, www.kennebunkmaine.us. Sign up to receive an email or text alert when a posting is made regarding trash collection using the “Notify Me” link.

A dumpster is available at the Transfer Station, 36 Sea Road, where residents may drop trash in PAYT bags. Recycling materials may also be dropped at the Transfer Station with proof of Kennebunk residency.

For any questions regarding trash or recycling pick up (missed collection, etc.) please contact Casella directly at (888) 857-0800. FMI, please visit www.kennebunkmaine.us/trash.

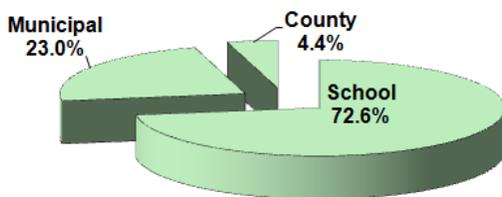
Time to renew dog licenses! All dogs 6 months and older must be licensed annually with the Town Clerk’s office or online at www.maine.gov/dogs. Licenses expire 12/31/15 and new licenses will be issued from **November 1st through December 31st** in the Town Clerk’s office. Please bring proof of current rabies vaccination at registration.



FY 2016 Tax News... The Town's property tax rate, or "mil rate," increased from last fiscal year to this fiscal year by 40¢, up 2.7%. This is due to RSU 21's net assessment going up 4.2% to \$21,698,081 and the Town's net budget standing at \$7,671,723, up 4.9%. The York County assessment is at \$1,281,995, a 2.4% increase. The growth in the overall net valuation of the Town, also known as the tax base, now at \$2,043,619,400, went up 1%. The Town's Certified Ratio has remained steady at 95%. Real estate prices (and their relationship to current assessments) are ever-changing and may require an overall adjustment to the assessments town-wide in the near future. School renovation bond principal payments will be included in future RSU 21 assessments; no principal payments are included for the current year.

PROPERTY TAX DISTRIBUTION

	FY 13-14		FY 14-15		FY 15-16	
	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$
School	73.14	10.94	72.62	10.82	72.60	11.11
Municipal	22.35	3.34	22.88	3.41	23.00	3.52
County	4.51	0.67	4.50	0.67	4.40	0.67
Total	100%	\$14.95	100%	\$14.90	100%	\$15.30



THE KENNEBUNK POLICE DEPARTMENT IS WARNING RESIDENTS TO BE WARY OF SCAMMERS



Some common scams include: asphalt paving, driveway spray coating, heat taping the roof, roof repairs, tree removal and tree trimming. Anyone can be a target, however senior citizens are preyed upon at an alarming rate. The following are some tips to avoid being scammed:

- Do not respond to door-to-door solicitors. If you need your driveway seal coated, you make the contact.
- Rely on friends and neighbors for referrals.
- Don't sign any contract before reading it. Better yet, ask someone to look it over with you.
- Call the contractor's insurance company and make sure his/her policy is in effect.
- Check with the Secretary of State to make sure the contractor is licensed and ask the contractor for references.

Remember, professional, legitimate contractors never need to go door-to-door to get work, and they almost never require any money in advance before starting the work.

If something doesn't look or sound right, or you think you may have been victimized by a scam, call the Kennebunk Police Department immediately at (207) 985-6121. FMI: www.kennebunkmaine.us/scams.

News from the Kennebunk Free Library: The library will host a Harvest Festival Book Sale **Saturday, October 10th, 8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.** Call 985-2173 to volunteer for this or other book sales.

Applications for artists to exhibit in the Speers Gallery during the 2016 calendar year are available now and **due by October 15, 2015.**

FMI: www.kennebunklibrary.org/speersgallery.asp.

This fall the library will offer Maine-made holiday wreaths, centerpieces, and sprays for sale. FMI visit the library or www.kennebunklibrary.org.

2015 Harvest Festival & Waterhouse Center Anniversary

In conjunction with Kennebunk's Harvest Festival, on **Saturday, October 10th**, the Waterhouse Center will celebrate its 1 year anniversary. Please join us for the festivities downtown! Activities taking place throughout the day include: pancake breakfast, pumpkin decorating, scarecrow scavenger hunt, horse/wagon rides, craft fair, farmers' market, face painting, bounce house, rock climbing wall, and more! For a complete



listing of activities and times, visit www.kennebunkmaine.us/harvestfest. Further details on all the fun happening at the Waterhouse Center can be found at www.kennebunkmaine.us/wcfun.

The Kennebunk Fire Rescue Department has teamed up with the American Red Cross to install working smoke detectors in any home in town that needs them. This is part of a nationwide program of the ARC to reduce fire injuries and deaths due to smoke inhalation by 25% over the next 5 years. If you or anyone you know needs smoke detectors, contact Kennebunk Fire Rescue at 985-2102 ext. 1633 and leave a voice message and we will call you back. You can also email smokedetectors@kennebunkmaine.us with your request. If you are interested in helping out with this program in any way, please contact Chief Jeff Rowe at 985-2102 ext. 1340.



Winter weather is coming... Please remember that snowstorm operations take time. Following these simple rules will help us help you:

- Place objects such as trash containers and mailboxes at the maximum usage distance from the pavement.
- When shoveling or plowing the front of your driveway push all snow down to the right side.
- Watch for parking ban announcements. Removing your car from the road will ensure that your road can be cleared and your vehicle will not be towed.
- There is no personnel available to answer your calls outside of official business hours. If you need to call the Public Works Department after hours about a legitimate hazard, please leave a message, or in the event of an emergency please call the Kennebunk Police Department at (207) 985-6121.
- Kennebunk Public Works has an area designated at the front gate with a winter sand mix (sand mixed with salt) available for residents to take a 5 gallon bucket per storm. For more information, please contact the department at 985-4811. FMI: www.kennebunkmaine.us/publicservices.

The Recreation Department announces a cruise opportunity to the Bahamas & Port Canaveral, FL, May 7-14, 2016. This trip is open to adults and families. From theme parks, golf courses, the Kennedy Space Center and Orlando area to the gorgeous beaches, 18th century fortresses, zoos and aquariums of the Bahamas, this is the ideal cruise that has something for everyone! FMI and other offerings visit www.kennebunkrec.com



or visit the Recreation office on the third floor of Town Hall.