



# Town of Kennebunk Town Tidbits • Spring 2016

## Board of Selectmen

Kevin P. Donovan, Chairman  
Richard A. Morin, Vice Chairman  
Deborah A. Beal, Secretary  
Christopher L. Cluff  
Daniel S. Boothby  
Edward Karytko  
Shiloh A. Schulte

## Town Manager

Barry A. Tibbetts

## Selectmen Meeting Schedule

The Board of Selectmen meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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, meeting agendas, community information and more. Sign up through the "Notify Me" link at [www.kennebunkmaine.us](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us)



## Think Summer!

Resident beach parking permits are now available in the Town Clerk and Tax Collector offices.

FMI:

[www.kennebunkmaine.us/beachpermit](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/beachpermit)

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

### SURVEY (ONLINE OR PAPER) — MARCH 21-APRIL 15

The Kennebunk Board of Selectmen and Town Manager are developing a strategic planning process to guide their future activities. At the same time, the Board has tasked the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance Update Committee with updating the Town's existing Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance as required by state law.

#### SURVEY:

A special survey for residents (year-round and seasonal) and business property owners has been prepared. The survey can be completed online at [www.kennebunkmaine.us/planningsurvey](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/planningsurvey) or by obtaining a copy at the Town Clerk's office. One survey per person, please.



The survey is divided into three sections:

1. Strategic planning questions for the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager.
2. Comprehensive planning and land use questions for the Update Committee.
3. Demographic information about you to help us better understand trends in the community.

Please take the time to participate in this important effort. Your comments and observations will be anonymous and we encourage you to be open and candid. Survey responses will be collected from **March 21 – April 15**.

#### COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

The purpose of Kennebunk's Comprehensive Plan is to establish the vision of the community based on the public's perceptions of what the character of the Town is and should be as we move forward over the next decade and beyond. The Plan provides guidance to public and private decision makers regarding development of the Town; sets goals, policies and strategies for managing public infrastructure, municipal services, and residential and commercial growth; and provides a framework for the development and updating of the Town's zoning and other land use ordinances, as well as a legal basis for the ordinances.

You can find more information about the committee and the planning process on the Town's website at [www.kennebunkmaine.us/planningsurvey](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/planningsurvey).

## TRASH PROGRAM

The Town's Pay-As-You-Throw (Trash Bag) Program is still in effect. Please continue to use the blue and purple bags as you have been. Place them inside your Town-supplied container for curbside collection.

At the June Municipal Election, registered voters will be deciding whether to eliminate (or continue) the need for the current blue and purple trash bag program.

## Interested in Joining a Town Committee?

A list of committee vacancies can be found on our website, on digital Cable TV channel 5, or call 604-1308.

## STATE PRIMARY & MUNICIPAL ELECTION: JUNE 14, 2016

A State Primary and Municipal Election will be held on **Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>** in the Edward Winston Auditorium at Town Hall from 6:00 am-8:00 pm. **Absentee balloting will begin on May 16<sup>th</sup>**. Extended absentee voting hours will be available. All information concerning this election will be posted on the Town's website by mid May. The same information is also available at the Town Clerk's office in booklet form for you to take home to better understand the many ballot questions you will be asked to vote on.



Visit [www.kennebunkmaine.us/elections](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/elections) for extended absentee voting hours and election information or contact the Town Clerk at 604-1326.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY AS A MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL?

Nomination papers are available **March 28, 2016** to run for the following offices: two Selectmen for 3-year terms, two RSU 21 Directors for 3-year terms, two Kennebunk Sewer District Trustees for 3-year terms and one Kennebunk Light and Power District Trustee for a 5-year term. To get your name on the ballot for the June 14<sup>th</sup> Municipal Election, each nominee must obtain nomination papers from the Town Clerk's office and receive a minimum of 25 signatures (with a maximum of 100 signatures) from Kennebunk residents who are registered voters.

Nomination papers must be returned no later than **May 2, 2016** at 4:30pm.

**Information about any of these positions can be obtained by calling the Town Clerk's office at 604-1326.**

The Kennebunk Recreation Department is offering an adult **Niagara Falls & Toronto Motorcoach Bus Tour, Mon-Fri June 13-17 for only \$499/person** (double occupancy). Enjoy guided tours, a journey to the falls on a Hornblower Niagara Cruise, gaming at Fallsview Casino, a visit to Niagara-on-the-Lake, Queen Victoria Park, Casa Loma, 4 nights lodging, 8 meals and much more. **Register now!** FMI: 604-1335.



Other upcoming adult trips...

- Oxford Casino Trips - March 16 & April 27 (\$10/person)
- Portland Players Dress Rehearsal - March 24 & May 19 (\$10/person)

Resident summer program registration begins April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7am  
For more programs for **all ages** visit [www.kennebunkrec.com](http://www.kennebunkrec.com)

**2nd Annual Community Yard Sale**  
Join us on **Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** at the Waterhouse Center for a community yard sale from 8am-2pm. A 10x10 space is just \$20 to rent and applications are available in the Town Clerk's office. *Space is limited so reserve your spot today!* FMI: 604-1326 or [mbrown@kennebunkmaine.us](mailto:mbrown@kennebunkmaine.us)



**SAVE THE DATE!**

Are you looking for seasonal, year-round, part-time or full-time employment opportunities? Then save the date for the **Spring Job Fair**, which will be held on March 24<sup>th</sup> from 2-5pm at the Kennebunk Town Hall Auditorium. This event is **FREE** for job seekers and \$25/table for employers. It is open to all businesses. Businesses, please call The Chamber at 967-0857 to reserve a seat!



**18th Annual May Day Festival**

On **Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** downtown Kennebunk will be filled with fun, family-friendly activities. To volunteer or to be a part of the planning, contact Linda Johnson at [ljohnson@kennebunkmaine.us](mailto:ljohnson@kennebunkmaine.us) or visit [www.kennebunkmaine.us/festivals](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/festivals)



**News from the Assessing Office-** All new applications for Homestead, Veteran and Blind Exemptions for all residential taxpayers must be received by **April 1st**.

In addition, all **business personal property** physically located in Kennebunk as of April 1<sup>st</sup> is subject to taxation annually. What is **business personal property**? Examples include production machinery and equipment such as industrial tools and machinery; business equipment such as furniture, shelving, desks, photocopiers, telephones and cash registers; electronics such as computers, printers and networking equipment and leased equipment. If you are leasing equipment from another company you must declare the name of the company, the item(s) you are leasing, the monthly leasing fee and the terms of the lease as well as the responsible party for the taxes.

BETE and BETR forms are available on the State's website at: [www.maine.gov/revenue/propertytax/propertytaxbenefits/bete.htm](http://www.maine.gov/revenue/propertytax/propertytaxbenefits/bete.htm). BETE and Personal property declaration forms must be completed and e-mailed to [cdoucette@kennebunkmaine.us](mailto:cdoucette@kennebunkmaine.us) or mailed to the Kennebunk Assessor's Office, 1 Summer Street Kennebunk, ME 04043 by **May 1, 2016**.

**Attention Residents:** The Homestead Exemption will be increasing to **\$15,000** (before adjustment by the certified assessment ratio) for 2016. Residents currently receiving the exemption **will not** have to reapply. Any resident not receiving the exemption but wanting to apply must do so by April 1, 2016. Information regarding applying is available at [www.kennebunkmaine.us/exemptions](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/exemptions)  
*Please contact us with any questions at [cdoucette@kennebunkmaine.us](mailto:cdoucette@kennebunkmaine.us)*

**Keep Kennebunk Healthy with a Healthy Yard**

It's hard to believe, but soon we'll be out in our yards, caring for our lawns and gardens. Here's what you can do to make both your yard and environment healthy:

- Lose the chemicals** as they are often harmful to children, pets and birds. FMI: [www.yardscaping.org](http://www.yardscaping.org)
- Know your soil** so you don't apply too much fertilizer or the wrong type leading to an unhealthy lawn and runoff.
- Fertilize correctly** with phosphorus-free, slow release fertilizer.
- Save the bees** by buying neonicotinoid-free plants.

If you do use chemicals on your yard, be aware that it is against state law to spray them within 25 feet of a stream, river, pond, wetland or the ocean due to the harmful effect of chemical runoff to aquatic life.



**Upcoming Events at the Kennebunk Free Library:**

**3/14** celebrate **Pie (π) Day**. Sweet and savory homemade pies will be available for purchase whole or by the slice!

**4/10-4/16** is **National Library Week**. Fabulous Book Bundle raffles will be available; visit every day and receive a free raffle ticket!



On **7/8** the Library will host the 19<sup>th</sup> Edition Library 5K Road Race. For further information on these events as well as more news from the library visit [www.kennebunklibrary.org](http://www.kennebunklibrary.org)

**WE COMPOST IT!**

We Compost It! is Kennebunk's community composting program. A clean, cost-effective and convenient composting solution for just \$8.26/month. The program makes composting simple. Just set the container out at the end of the driveway on collection day!  
View the enclosed flyer and website ([www.wecomposit.com/KBK-curbiside](http://www.wecomposit.com/KBK-curbiside)) for more information.

**WE NEED YOUR NUMBER!**

Kennebunk Emergency Services (Police, Fire and EMS) is concerned about you and where you live. We respond to over 12,900 calls every year. Many of those calls are to homes that we have trouble finding. Imagine late at night on a dark street with little or no lighting, can your house number be seen to get the attention of us, a friend or even a visitor?

You're having a guest over for dinner, how do they find your home? Can they see your house number? Would anyone be able to find your home by the number alone? Often times this is what EMS, Fire and Police are faced with daily. We ask for your help in displaying a number that we can all see. Street numbering information can be found at: [www.kennebunkmaine.us/E911](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/E911).

**For more information, please contact either the Police or Fire Rescue Department.**



**Spring into Fitness Challenge!**

You are invited to join Healthy Kennebunk for a fun and competitive exercise program beginning **March 21<sup>st</sup>**.



*NEW- Participate with coworkers and submit your steps as a group to compete with other businesses!*

FMI: [www.kennebunkmaine.us/healthymainestreets](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/healthymainestreets) or call 604-1341.