



Town of Kennebunk

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Town Tidbits • Fall 2014

Board of Selectmen

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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. to 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



Dog licenses must be renewed annually. Please visit the Town Clerk's office between **October 20, 2014 and December 31, 2014** to obtain a new license. You may also renew online! Visit www.maine.gov and search "dog license." Please be prepared to show proof of current rabies vaccination.



Daylight Savings time ends **Sunday, November 2, 2014**. This is a great time to replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors as you turn your clocks back one hour!



ONLINE SERVICES

The Kennebunk Town Hall is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you are not able to come in during those hours you may be able to complete some of your business online at your convenience.

The Town of Kennebunk participates in the Rapid Renewal program offered through the State of Maine. Vehicles that have been previously registered can be renewed online.

Following your transaction, you will receive a temporary registration form to print for immediate use. Your official registration and stickers will arrive at the shipping address specified within ten business days. All registrations for newly purchased vehicles must be done in person in the Tax Collector's Office.

Please visit <http://www.informe.org/bmv/rapid-renewal/> to try this service!

Other items you may purchase online include:

Dog licenses, Hunting/Fishing licenses (including Saltwater Fishing Registry), ATV, Snowmobile, Boat and Trailer registrations. Visit www.maine.gov and use the search box to locate the specific page for your desired renewal.



ELECTION DAY: NOVEMBER 4, 2014

New! This year polls will open at **6:00 a.m.** to accommodate voters. Maine voters will elect the Governor, one of Maine's two U.S. Senators, Maine's Representatives to Congress, members of the Maine Legislature (State Senators and State Representatives) and certain county officers. County officers up for election include: County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Sheriff, District Attorney and County Commissioner. Voters will decide on a citizen initiative regarding bear hunting as well as six state bond questions. Lastly, there will be a local ballot for proposed ordinance and charter changes and for a proposed school renovation project.

Absentee Voting: 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 call or visit the Town Clerk's office to request a ballot. **You may vote by absentee ballot beginning October 3, 2014 until October 30, 2014.** After that, if there are special circumstances, you may vote by absentee ballot on October 31st, November 3rd and November 4th. Students who are registered to vote may follow the same procedures. Residents may **register to vote** during regular office hours anytime leading up to the Election or on the day of the Election. Please be prepared to provide proof of Kennebunk residency.



The Clerk's office will be open additional hours for absentee voting on the following dates:

- Saturday, 10/18/14, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**
- Saturday, 10/25/14, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**
- Sunday, 10/26/14, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**
- Thursday, 10/30/14, 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

Please contact the Town Clerk's office with any questions regarding the election. Office hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You may reach the office by calling (207) 985-2102, ext. 1326

REMINDERS...

Winter is coming...

Kennebunk's Department of Public Services would like to remind all residents to secure your mailbox and ensure that it is installed properly. For mailbox survival tips please visit the Public Works section of our website: www.kennebunkmaine.us/publicworks



Also a reminder that the **following roads are under construction:** Boothby Road, Great Hill Road, Old Port Road and Brown Street. Thank you for your patience!

Please note: When sending checks for payments to the Town, always **include a phone number** on your check and remember that **post dated** checks cannot be accepted. This will allow us to post your payments promptly and accurately.





The Kennebunk Free Library will host a fall fundraiser. *A Literary Feast, Vol.III* will be held in mid-October. The library is also **accepting applications for artists to exhibit** during the 2015 calendar year. For more information or to **sign up for a new library card**, which all patrons must do in order to borrow books or place holds, please call (207) 985-2173, or visit the library's website: www.kennebunklibrary.org

Recently the Maine DOT listed the **Mat Lanigan** bridge, which connects Kennebunk's Lower Village and Kennebunkport's Dock Square, as "structurally deficient." A committee has been established to advise the DOT on the issues that might impact construction; to filter requests in the design and construction process; and to improve communication with the general public. More information is available on our website: www.kennebunkmaine.us/committees



Buy-A-Brick and put your mark on Kennebunk!

The town invites you to be a part of a very special commemorative opportunity. The Buy-A-Brick program benefits the newly constructed Waterhouse Center located at 51 Main Street, and offers three brick options. An order form is included in this mailing and also available at Town Hall or on our website:

www.kennebunkmaine.us/pavilion

Deadline: October 8, 2014!

We need your help!

Travis Blackmer, a graduate student at the University of Maine is conducting an online survey about Municipal Solid Waste and Pay-As-You-Throw programs. There will be two \$75 gift certificates to L.L. Bean raffled off as compensation for participation.

To take the survey please visit: www.tinyurl.com/PayAsYouThrowWebSurvey

The **Energy Efficiency Committee** is offering a survey to determine the support for a proposed ordinance that would charge a fee for plastic bag use. You may complete a survey, available on the second floor of Town Hall, or express your opinions by emailing: plasticbagsurvey@yahoo.com

The heating season is almost here...

You may qualify for help with your fuel bills this winter. To schedule an appointment to apply for fuel assistance (LIHEAP), or to see if you qualify for weatherization or heating system improvements, please call York County Community Action: **(207) 324-5762 and choose option 8.**



The **Kennebunk Fire Department** is asking all residents to confirm that your house numbers are displayed properly. The Town's street address ordinance was created in an effort to deliver emergency services efficiently and effectively. Please visit www.kennebunkmaine.us/E911 and refer to the numbering requirements in the ordinance for more information.

This October, the state is offering a free program to dispose of banned or unusable pesticides. You must register by **September 24th** to participate. To learn more or to register for this free program please visit www.thinkfirstspraylast.org or call 207-287-2731.

Healthy Maine Streets

The Town of Kennebunk is one of twenty communities in Maine participating in a pilot program that aims to create or enhance wellness in the workplace. To learn more about Healthy Maine Streets and how you can become involved visit the Town's website: www.kennebunkmaine.us/healthymainestreets or call 604-1341.



School is back in session...

Please watch for children and buses!

The **Kennebunk Recreation Department** would like to announce that registration for Fall/Winter programming has begun! To view the catalog online please visit the Recreation Department's website: www.kennebunkrec.com

UPCOMING EVENTS



Harvest Festival/Waterhouse Center Grand Opening

In conjunction with Kennebunk's **Harvest Festival**, the **Waterhouse Center** will host a Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on **Saturday, October 11, 2014**. Please join us for the following festivities downtown:

- 11:00 a.m. Costume Parade**
- 1:00 p.m. The Waterhouse Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony (51 Main St.)**
- 1:30 p.m. Magic Show**

Other activities taking place throughout the day include: pancake breakfast, pumpkin decorating, scarecrow scavenger hunt, horse/wagon rides, craft fair, farmers' market, face painting, moon bounce, rock climbing wall, and more! (for a complete listing of times, visit www.kennebunkmaine.us/harvestfest)

Watch for future upcoming Waterhouse Center events

(Events are tentative, updates to be posted at www.kennebunkmaine.us/pavilion)

- September** – Community Dance (Big Band), Brick Store Museum Victory Dance Celebration, Food by Rotary/local restaurants
- October** – Harvest Fest Events/Waterhouse Center Grand Opening, Touch a Truck/Discovery Zone, Costumed Characters, DJ
- November** – Tree Lighting & Holiday Party, Skating w/ Santa and Elves
- December** – Weekend Skating Performances and Free Skating Lessons
- January** – Skating with Mascots and Free Skating Lessons during the month
- February and Vacation Week** – Theater Group Performance Night Show, Professional Skating Performance, Free Skating Lessons during the month
- March** – End of Season Theme Skating Party
- April** – BMX Bike Show/Meet, Greet a Celebrity
- May** – May Day Celebration, Children's Concert
- June** – Skateboard Show, Family Martial Arts Presentation
- July** – Old Home Week Celebration/Big Band Family Concert



Annual Tree Lighting Downtown! This year's tree lighting, sponsored by the Downtown Committee will take place at the Downtown Plaza on **Saturday, November 29th**. A special skate with Santa will take place immediately following tree lighting at the new Waterhouse Pavilion, located at 51 Main Street. Come and enjoy caroling, live music, refreshments and ice skating! For more information contact Linda Johnson at 985-7935 or visit our website:

www.kennebunkmaine.us/events



The **West Kennebunk Village Committee** would like to announce the following Fall events:
Holiday Fair, Saturday, November 1
Thanksgiving Dinner, Thursday, November 27
Tree Lighting, Saturday, December 6

For more information visit: www.kennebunkmaine.us/wkvc



The **Lower Village Committee** invites you to a tree lighting ceremony. Held during the first week of Prelude, on **Saturday, December 6th at 5:30 p.m.** at the corner of Christensen Lane and Route 35.

Would you like to be notified of community events, meetings, announcements or alerts? Visit www.kennebunkmaine.us and click the **Notify Me** link to sign up for email or text messages!

