



Town Tidbits ~ Fall 2016

Town of Kennebunk • 1 Summer Street • Kennebunk, ME 04043

2016 General Election to be held November 8, 2016

Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Edward Winston Auditorium at the Town Hall. Voters will decide on the President/Vice President, Maine's Representatives to Congress, members of the Maine Legislature, state bond questions, and local referendum questions.



Absentee Voting and Voter Registration:

Absentee ballots will be available beginning October 11th. Call or visit the Town Clerk's office to obtain an absentee ballot. Ballots can also be requested online at www.maine.gov. Type "absentee ballot" in the search box and follow the link to request a ballot. 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). **FMI on voter registration, absentee ballots, or to see a sample ballot, call 604-1326 or visit www.kennebunkmaine.us/election.**

Help us Stuff The Bus outside Town Hall on Election Day!



After a busy summer our food pantry needs you! Help fill the Kennebunk Recreation bus with non-perishable food items and personal supplies. Volunteers will be accepting donations from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Election Day in the parking lot of Town Hall. We will also have a collection jar to accept monetary donations. Checks can be made out to **Community Outreach Services**. FMI or to volunteer, call 604-1342. Our local food pantry thanks you!

JOIN US FOR 8 WEEKS!



FALL INTO FITNESS WALKING CHALLENGE

Starts: October 3rd
Ends: November 27th

Track your steps for chances to win prizes!

Walking for exercise strengthens the body, rejuvenates the mind and enlivens the heart and spirit! FMI: www.kennebunkmaine.us/healthykennebunk

Celebrate **HarvestFest**, October 1st, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Dress up and join the parade at 11:30 on Main Street! Look for more activities and fun at Rotary Park and the Waterhouse Center. FMI: www.kennebunkmaine.us/harvestfest



Mark your calendars for Kennebunk's Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day

Hazardous waste can be dropped off on **Saturday, October 8th** from 8:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m. at 36 Sea Road. FMI call 985-4811 or www.kennebunkmaine.us/hazmatday

 **Fall back...** Turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 6th. This is also a great time to change the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors!

Town Voters Approve Plastic Bag Ban— New Town ordinance to take effect October 14, 2016

On June 14th, Kennebunk residents voted in favor of an ordinance banning single-use plastic carry out bags. **This ban takes effect on October 14, 2016.**

As of that date, "No single-use plastic carry-out bag shall be distributed, either with or without charge, to a customer, at any Retail Establishment located in the Town of Kennebunk."

The intent of this ordinance is not to shift to paper bags, but rather to encourage the switch to reusable bags. Please note that single-use plastic bags without handles, such as those used for dry cleaning, newspapers, wet items, and to protect produce, meat, seafood, and other bulk foods from damage or contaminating other items are allowed under this ordinance. If you are not already in the habit of doing so, the Kennebunk Energy Efficiency Committee encourages you to help the environment by bringing your own reusable bags when you shop.



Time to renew dog licenses!



Bow Sabelawski

All dogs six months and older must be licensed annually with the Town Clerk's office or online at www.maine.gov/dogs.

Current licenses expire on 12/31/16

and new licenses for 2017 will be issued in the office starting **November 15th**. Please bring proof of the current rabies vaccination for registration.



Zibby Lou Bernstein

Would you like to know what's happening in Town?

Visit our website, www.kennebunkmaine.us, to find information including your trash collection day, property and tax information, meeting agendas and minutes, town ordinance information and much more!

You can also sign up to receive email and/or text messages for job and bid postings, storm closings, police and fire news, board and committee meetings, town news and events at www.kennebunkmaine.us/notifyme.



News from the Kennebunk Free Library:

The library is hosting a book sale on **Saturday, October 1st from 8:30a.m. - 1:00p.m.** Donations accepted now through 9/21. **FMI: Call 985-2173.**



Applications for artists to exhibit in 2017 in the Speers Gallery are available now and are due by **October 15th.**

FMI: www.kennebunklibrary.org/speersgallery.asp

The 2016 holiday season is just around the corner! KFL will again be selling beautiful holiday wreaths made in Maine. Place your order at the library for a wreath, centerpiece, or spray. **FMI: www.kennebunklibrary.org**



Kennebunk's Community Gardens are enjoying bountiful harvests! So far this year 2,113 pounds of fresh produce have been harvested and donated to three area food pantries!

Each Thursday volunteers pick, weigh and sort the produce to donate to the food pantry, held every Friday at 9:00 a.m. at St. Martha's church in Kennebunk, Seeds of Hope in Biddeford, and the York County Shelter Program in Alfred. This is our 8th year of growing and, to date, we have donated over 17,000 pounds of produce to our area food pantries! **FMI: www.kennebunkmaine.us/garden**

Upcoming Town Events...

- 9/8 Rick Charette Band
- 10/1 HarvestFest
- 10/13 Fire Prevention Week
Open House at the West
Kennebunk Fire Station
- 11/14 Skate Swap at the
Waterhouse Center
- 11/26 Downtown Tree Lighting
- 11/27 Lunch w/ Santa
- 12/3 Lower Village Tree Lighting
- 12/3 West Kennebunk Tree Lighting
- 12/8 Prelude Skating Party & Holiday Market
- 12/18 Carols on Ice at the Waterhouse Center
- 12/31 New Year's Eve Celebration
- 1/21 Skate Swap
- 2/4 WinterFest
- 2/14 Valentine's Day Family Ice Dance



The **West Kennebunk Village Committee** will hold its annual **Holiday Fair** on Saturday, 11/5, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Dorothy Stevens Center and the West Kennebunk Fire Station. Tables are available to rent for vendors/crafters. Proceeds from this fair will be used to host the annual complimentary Thanksgiving Day Dinner in West Kennebunk. All are welcome to attend this dinner on 11/24 from 12 - 2:00 p.m. at the Dorothy Stevens Center. **FMI call Barbara at 985-2272 or Carol at 985-4571.**



Get Involved!

Members of the Town's Conservation Commission have been testing the water quality of our rivers and ocean for years. Recently the quality of the Kennebunk River has had some alarming results. Sources of pollution in our rivers comes from leaking septic systems, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers and animal feces. By working together we can find the sources of pollution and determine how to keep the river clean. This is an attainable goal; it's up to all of us to protect this beautiful and important part of Kennebunk! **FMI: www.kennebunkmaine.us/cospc**



Winter weather is coming...

Keep the following tips in mind to help us help you:

- * Wait until your scheduled pickup day to place trash and recycling containers out on the side of the road; do not put them out overnight. Trash will be collected even if school is cancelled. If weather prevents trash collection, announcements will be made on local news stations and the town website.
- * Position your containers in a cleared area at the opening to your driveway and remove empty containers as soon as possible.
- * An overnight winter parking ban goes into effect November 1st to April 1st. Vehicles that are parked on the roads between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. may be towed during inclement weather.
- * Overnight parking is allowed in municipal parking lots located at Parson's Field on Park Street, behind the Waterhouse Center off Grove Street, and in the rear of the former Garden Street Market lot on Garden Street.



For more helpful winter tips, visit www.kennebunkmaine.us/publicservices.



Resident Recreation Registration begins Wednesday, September 7th at 7:00 a.m. Visit www.kennebunkrec.com to view and sign up for the activities offered.

The Recreation Department is offering several exciting opportunities to travel in the upcoming year, including a trip to Washington D.C.!

Join us May 4 - 9, 2017, the cost is \$550/participant (Double Occupancy) or \$745/participant (Single Occupancy).

This patriotic tour includes many wonderful stops where history is both made and remembered, including famous sites like the Capitol Building, the World War II Memorial, the White House, Arlington National Cemetery and the Smithsonian Institute. This trip includes motorcoach transportation, 5 nights lodging, 8 meals, 2 full-day guided tours of D.C., and an evening guided memorial and monuments tour.



FMI: call 604-1335 or visit www.kennebunkrec.com.