

Town Tidbits

March 1, 2012



Town Office Hours

Mon. through Fri.
8 am-4:30 pm



Board of Selectmen

Albert J. Searles, Chairman

David H. Spofford

John H. Kotsonis

Deborah A. Beal

Kevin P. Donovan

Richard A. Morin

William A. Ward, Jr.

Town Manager

Barry A. Tibbetts

Selectmen Meeting Schedule

2nd & 4th Tues. monthly,
6:30 pm, at Town Hall.

Meetings are also televised live
on Cable Channel 5 and
streamed live on

www.townhallstreams.com

Remaining 2012 Holidays

(Town Offices Closed)

Mon., April 16 (Patriots' Day)

Mon., May 28 (Memorial Day)

Wed., July 4 (Independence Day)

Mon., Sept. 3 (Labor Day)

Mon., Oct. 8 (Columbus Day)

Mon., Nov. 12 (Veterans' Day)

Thurs., Nov. 22 (Thanksgiving)

Fri., Nov. 23 (Thanksgiving)

Tues., Dec. 25 (Christmas)

TOWN OF KENNEBUNK, MAINE

www.kennebunkmaine.us

TAX COLLECTOR'S NEWS...

Coming Soon! The Tax Collector's Office will soon be accepting debit/credit cards online, as well as other Town Departments. The fees associated with debit/credit card acceptance are determined by banks and credit card companies. Unfortunately, the Town cannot afford to pay these fees for you per transaction. Therefore, the fees will be passed along to you in the form of a "convenience fee". Unlike a retail store, the Town cannot mark-up many of its products and services to absorb the fees. For example, excise tax amounts are established by the State. Similarly, real estate property tax amounts are determined by the Town's annual mil rate.

The convenience fee charges will be clearly identified to the cardholder and processed as a separate transaction. The Town is not charging the convenience fee. The card processing company charges the fee. The fee structures are:

Debit Cards

Non-Visa debit card transactions <\$60 \$1.50
>\$60 2.45%
Visa debit card transactions \$3.95

Credit Cards (MC, Visa, Discover, Amex)

Credit card transactions <\$60 \$1.50
>\$60 2.45%

Electronic Check Use your bank routing number and checking or savings account number \$1.00

Don't waste time standing in line, please consider mailing your payment for the second installment of your 2012 real estate taxes. This year, we will have 2 secure tax payment drop boxes at the Town Hall.

In the ground floor lobby on the right side of the wall, a large silver box will be labeled "Tax Payments". On the second floor, in the lobby there will be a box located on the table labeled "Tax Payments."

If you would like us to send you a receipt, simply enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Due date for the 2nd installment is April 6th.



Would you like a more convenient way to renew your driver's license, automobile, trailer, boat, snowmobile, ATV registration or hunting and fishing license? If so, please visit the following secure, State of Maine web sites. This service is for RENEWALS only.

Driver's License

<http://www.maine.gov/online/bmv/dlr/>

Automobile/Trailer

<https://www1.maine.gov/online/bmv/rapid-renewal/>

Boat

<http://www5.informe.org/online/boat/>

Hunting/Fishing License

<https://www5.informe.org/cgi-bin/online/moses2/index.pl>

State of Maine homepage (to click on appropriate links)

<http://www.maine.gov>

STATE PRIMARY ELECTION & ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

(Candidate & Budget Referendum ballots)
will be held on:

Tuesday, June 12, 2012

8:00am – 8:00pm

Town Hall Auditorium

The following seats are up for election:

3 – Selectmen seats - 3 yr. term

2 – RSU # 21 Board of Directors – 3 yr. term

2 – Trustee Sewer District – 3 yr. term

1 – Trustee Light & Power District – 5 yr. term

Nomination papers will be available starting on: **Monday, March 19th** and are due back by: **Friday, April 27th.**

May 27th is the last day to change your party affiliation If you are enrolled in a recognized party and you wish to change parties, it must be done by the end of the business day on May 27th. If you are un-enrolled (not in any party) you can declare a party at any time including Election day.

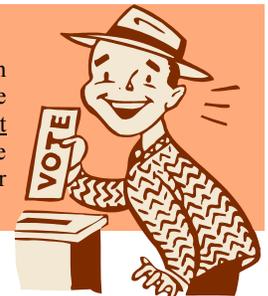
The recognized parties in the State of Maine are:

Americans First ◇ Democratic

Green Independent ◇ Libertarian ◇ Republican

Reminder

3 days prior to any election you can no longer vote by absentee ballot without having an acceptable reason and swearing under oath.



14TH ANNUAL MAY DAY FESTIVAL

Sat., May 5th downtown Kennebunk once again will be bustling with fun, family-friendly activities! The Downtown Committee has been planning since soon after last year's event but there is always time for residents to be a part of the planning! Contact Linda Johnson at magicj@gwi.net for meeting dates and times.



A complete listing of events and sponsors will soon be found on the downtown committee's website: www.kennebunkdowntown.com click on calendar and scroll to May.



AARP TAX-AIDE

Provides Free Tax Preparation and e-filing at

Kennebunk
Free Library
112 Main St.

No Appointment Necessary
This service is available to low and middle income people. You do not need to be a retiree or AARP member to use this service. We do give special attention to those aged 60 and older.

BEACH PARKING PERMITS

will be available in the Tax Collector's Office beginning in April. Residents/taxpayers of Kennebunk may purchase three (3) permits as well as guest permits. Non-residents may purchase permits for an additional fee.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
BEGINS MARCH 11th.

This is a great time to replace the batteries in smoke detectors & carbon monoxide detectors.



PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT It is once again time to **CLOSE** certain town ways to any non-exempt vehicle or combination of vehicles registered for a *gross weight of over 23,000 pounds*. These roads will be closed to such traffic commencing on February 27th and will remain closed until at least April 30th unless otherwise posted.

Alfred Rd (from the intersection of Thompson Rd to Cole Rd) ◊ Durrells Bridge Rd ◊ Old Falls Rd ◊ Thompson Rd ◊ Cole Rd
Harriseckett Rd ◊ Old Port Rd ◊ Heath Rd ◊ Perkins Lane ◊ Downing Rd ◊ Middle Rd ◊ Ross Rd

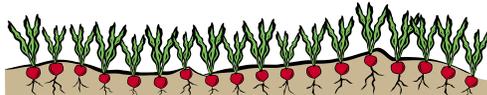
For further information on this annual posting, please contact the Public Services Department at (207) 985-4811 or read the full text on the Town's website.

COMMUNITY GARDEN Celebrates Successful Third Year — Looks Ahead to 2012 Season

It may be the dead of winter, but the Kennebunk Community Garden Committee is hard at work planning its 2012 Season. This will be the fourth consecutive summer that its garden has been serving the needs of the hungry families throughout York County—as well as providing residents throughout the region the opportunity to rent a small garden to raise organic produce and flowers. The garden is located at the end of Holland Road between the Animal Welfare Society (AWS) and the tennis courts in West Kennebunk. It has been developed in partnership with AWS, which has allowed the Town of Kennebunk to use the land for the garden. As in past years, one-third of the garden is dedicated to raising produce for Maine Harvest for hunger (MHH), which supports local food banks. Thanks to the assistance of many volunteers and Town of Kennebunk staff members, the Committee has raised a total of 3,091 pounds of produce over its three growing seasons for two area shelters, including the York County Shelter in Alfred and Church Community Outreach Services (CCOS). St. Martha's in Kennebunk is the host church for CCOS's Friday Fresh Food Pantry. Types of produce included lettuce, tomatoes, green beans, garlic, broccoli, zucchini, peppers, radishes, eggplants, cauliflower, swiss chard, carrots and onions.

For more information, stop by the Town Clerk's office at the Kennebunk Town Hall. The Committee meets monthly, on the last Wednesday of each month, until April, when it meets bi-monthly. There are Committee positions open on the board. Visit our website for more information and plot application. The Committee will be accepting applications for plot rentals beginning in early April.

www.kennebunkcommunitygarden.org



ATTN: COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPERS.....

You must purchase an annual permit to affix to your vehicles before you can bring in yard and leaf waste into the Kennebunk Recycling/Transfer Station. Permits are sold in the Tax Collector's Office at the Kennebunk Town Hall and will be available in April. Vehicles will be monitored to ensure compliance. The cost is \$200 for the business and you will be issued as many stickers as needed for your vehicles. *Stickers must be displayed on lower driver's side windshield for easy visibility.*



THE KENNEBUNK FREE LIBRARY

now lends Kindles and Nooks that are pre-loaded with popular titles. We also have many new books for adults, teens, and children as well as a large collection of movies and television series on DVD. Audio books are available in MP3 and CD format.

Spring programming includes e-reader and computer classes, genealogy group discussions, adult and youth book discussion groups, as well as special programs for children and teens.

Donations of used books in good condition are accepted on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week. Donated items may be added to the library's collection or included in the Friend's of the Library's Book Sales.

The Library's Annual Appeal begins on April 15th. Your support helps us provide an up-to-date collection, appealing programs and outstanding service.

A FEW REMINDERS FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE....

- * All **new** exemption applications (homestead, veteran, blind, charitable and benevolent etc.) must be filed in the Assessor's office by **April 1, 2012**.
- * All new Tree Growth, Open Space, and Farmland applications must be filed in the Assessor's office by **April 1, 2012**.
- * Personal Property Declarations (Business Equipment) have been mailed and are due **May 1, 2012**.

For more information, contact the Assessor's office at (207)985-2102 ext. 1605.

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