

Kennebunk Currents

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Celebrate Fall in Kennebunk at HarvestFest on October 12th

HarvestFest is a free, family-friendly fall festival held in downtown Kennebunk. There's a parade on Main Street (costumes encouraged!), a scavenger hunt, and lots more family fun! FMI: kennebunkmaine.us/HarvestFest



Help Stuff the Bus on Election Day! Our food pantry shelves need filling! Help stuff the Kennebunk Recreation bus with non-perishable food items and personal supplies for our neighbors in need.

On Election Day, Tuesday November 5th volunteers will be accepting donations from 6am-8pm in the parking lot of Town Hall. Monetary donations are also accepted; checks can be made out to: **Community Outreach Services.**



Statewide General/Referendum Election: Tuesday, November 5th

On Tuesday, November 5, 2019, polls will open from 6 am to 8 pm in the Town Hall Auditorium for voters to decide on state and local referendum questions.

Absentee ballots will be available beginning October 4th and can be requested via phone or in person at the Town Clerk's office. Ballots can also be requested at www.maine.gov (search 'absentee ballot'). Residents may register to vote during regular business hours in the Town Clerk's office as well as on the day of the Election (proof of Kennebunk residency is required). FMI on voter registration, absentee ballots, or to see a sample ballot, call (207) 985-2102 ext. 1602 or visit: www.kennebunkmaine.us/election.

Did you know you can renew your vehicle registration online?

Search "Rapid Renewal" at www.maine.gov.

Use the orange buttons to select "Renew Vehicle" or "Renew Trailer" and follow the easy steps on the screen.

The screenshot shows the 'Rapid Renewal' service page on Maine.gov. It includes sections for 'Who can use this service?' (listing registrants with excise-taxable vehicles, commercial vehicles, and non-taxable trailers), 'What you will need' (current registration, insurance card, mileage), and 'Get Help' (links to participating municipalities, customer service representatives, technical support, and frequently asked questions). On the right, there is a 'Need a Renewal Reminder?' section with a green 'Sign Up' button. At the bottom, there are orange buttons for 'Renew Vehicle' and 'Renew Trailer'. A red box highlights the 'Sign Up' button and the reminder text.

Would you like a reminder when your registration is due? Use the green button on the right side of the page to sign up!

Are You Ready For Winter? We Are!

- * The Public Services Department is responsible for plowing, sanding & salting **232 lane miles of Town roads, 35 miles of sidewalks, 23 facilities/municipal buildings and 3 public parking lots!**
- * The Town has the capacity to store **300 tons of salt and 5,000 yards of sand.**
- * There is a designated winter sand mix pile at the front gate to the Public Services facility, at 36 Sea Road, available for residents. **Residents may fill one 5 gallon bucket per storm.** Contact the Social Services (207) 604-1342 office if you need help getting a bucket.
- * Please do not shovel, snowblow or snowplow your driveway into or across the road, **this is not safe and is prohibited by law** and could result in a fine (*Title 29-A M.R.S.A. 2396(4)*).



Volunteers from the Center prepare gift bags for delivery to homebound, isolated seniors, December 2018. FMI: (207) 604-1342

Save the Date! Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day is Saturday, October 26, 8am-1pm at the Transfer Station, 36 Sea Road. FMI: (207) 985-4811.





Resident Recreation Registration Begins September 4th

To view and sign up for activities visit www.kennebunkrec.com and look for the catalog in your mailbox!

New Hands Free Law Going Into Effect

On **September 19th**, [L.D.165](http://www.maine.gov/legis/ld/165), Maine's "Hands Free" law goes into effect. The goal of the law is to make Maine's roads safer by reducing the number of traffic crashes that are the result of distracted driving. The law applies to all handheld electronics (phones, games, computers, etc.).

FMI: Contact KPD at (207) 985-2102 ext. 1608



Help With Heating Costs is Available

You may qualify for [heating assistance](#) (HEAP) to help with your winter heating bills. For example, a household of 1 earning less than \$2,218/month, or a family of 4 earning less than \$3,582/month, qualifies. **Contact York County Community Action at (207) 324-5762 to schedule a phone interview.**

Enclosed with your tax bill you will find a flyer from [Window Dressers](#), a local non-profit organization. Window Dressers builds inexpensive, precisely custom fitted, insertable and removable interior-mounted insulating window inserts at community workshops across Maine. Last year, 34% of their inserts were measured and constructed without charge to qualifying low-income households. **FMI: Contact the Social Services office: (207) 604-1342.**

News from Kennebunk Free Library... In partnership with the Maine Humanities Council, KFL is excited to start a monthly Windows and Mirrors book club for grades K-5 that centers on picture books that highlight the beauty of our diverse world. Also this fall, KFL is partnering with Wells Public Library for an Indigenous Reads program for adults. A total of four sessions will be held between both locations.

Now available to check out are two high-powered binoculars with tripods and cell adapters. One is circulated as a stargazing kit and the other for bird watching.

FMI on any of these programs, call (207) 985-2173 or visit kennebunklibrary.org.



Time To Renew Dog Licenses

All dogs 6 months and older must be licensed annually with the Town Clerk's office or [online](http://www.maine.gov) (www.maine.gov, search 'dog licenses'). **Current licenses expire annually on December 31st** and new licenses for 2020 will be issued in the office starting **October 15th**. Please bring proof of a current rabies vaccination for registration.

Licensing can also be renewed via mail. Send current rabies certificate along with a check for \$6 for each spayed or neutered dog or \$11 for each non-altered dog to:

Town Clerk's Office, 1 Summer Street, Kennebunk, ME 04043.

Are You Ready for the annual Skate Swap? Saturday, November 30, 11am-1pm.

Swap skates ONLY from 11-12, Swap or purchase skates from 12-1.

Donations of ice skates are currently being accepted at the Town Clerk's office.

FMI: (207) 604-1326



Get Involved in Your Town!

The Board of Selectmen is the governing body of the Town and consists of seven elected members.

The Selectmen meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. on the 3rd floor of Town Hall. All [meeting agendas](#) are posted in Town Hall and on the [website calendar](#). Meetings are also broadcast live on cable TV channel 1302 as well as streamed live and archived for viewing anytime at www.townhallstreams.com.



The **36th Annual Tree Lighting** will take place at Tibbetts Plaza, downtown Kennebunk on **Saturday, November 30th**.

Immediately following the tree lighting, the skating rink at the Waterhouse Center will open (weather permitting). FMI check our event

calendar listings:

www.kennebunkmaine.us/events

Did you know the Town has an Ordinance Prohibiting the Release and Display of Balloons?

The full Ordinance (section 4-10 of the Town's non-zoning Ordinances) can be found on the Town's website at www.kennebunkmaine.us/ordinances.

