

The Newbury Times



Dennis' Desk

The Selectboard has been going through the budget process with the Budget Committee and it looks like (with the proposed budget and separate warrant articles) we are projecting the town tax rate will likely go down. All told, we had a cost savings in health insurance and other areas of the budget.

The proposed warrant articles are fewer this year than in past years. There is a warrant article for a new one-ton dump truck for the highway department. All of these funds will come out of the highway equipment capital reserve fund and from the trade-in of the old dump truck. Also, the Town will be making additional payments into the existing capital reserve and expendable trust funds per the Capital Improvements Program (CIP).

The only other warrant article that will be brought to Town Meeting (as of now) is an article for a new fire station. This would be a bond article and would not require any payment on the bond until 2019. The article will have public hearings and information will be provided on the website. The dollar amount has not been finalized yet. The cost will be finalized at the bond public hearing which will take place in February. The Selectboard has chosen Peter Tennant of Tennant Goucher in Manchester to be the architect and North Branch Construction in Concord to be the construction manager for this project. North Branch Construction Chief Executive Officer is Kenneth Holmes, who is a taxpayer here in Newbury.

Finally, it was great to see all the local businesses show their holiday spirit with the lights and decorations for our "Light up Newbury" contest. We had great attendance for the tree lighting. Thank you to our residents for being part of it all. Be on the lookout for new expanded programs and events from our Recreation Department. Rosie Johnson is bringing new innovative programs to the town and we hope that you will try them out. If you have any ideas for future programs, please contact Rosie at the email address below.

Mother Nature is challenging us these days! We remain in a prolonged deep freeze, and we hope to have warmer weather down the road very soon!

Snowshoe and Hot Chocolate!

Sunday, January 21, 2018

10:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.

Fishersfield Park

All skill levels and ages welcomed!

Join us for an afternoon exploring the beautiful Fishersfield Park. We'll wind our way through the snowy trails and end our walk with a well-deserved cups of hot chocolate and light refreshments!

Sponsored by the Newbury Recreation Department

Phone: (603) 763-4940 Ext. 210

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Kids Love Art!



Turn after school time into creative art time with local artists Josie Wolfinger and Susan Reader Moss. Have fun experimenting with clay, paint, fabric and more! Make your own unique creations to take home.

**Bus Stop: Newbury Library
5 Week Mixed Media Art Workshop for Children in Grades 1-5
At the Newbury Veteran's Hall Route 103 – Newbury, NH**

Wednesday	January 24	3:30pm-5:00pm
Wednesday	January 31	3:30pm-5:00pm
Wednesday	February 7	3:30pm-5:00pm
Wednesday	February 14	3:30pm-5:00pm
Wednesday	February 21	3:30pm-5:00pm

Cost for Workshops \$25 (includes all materials and supplies).

Scholarships are available. If you would like information about receiving a scholarship for your child please call the Rec Department at 603-763-49340 or email rosie@newburynh.org

Please sign up your child online at www.newburynhrec.com

Your registration is complete once your registration form and payment in full are received. Call or email the Rec Department with any questions.

Newbury Beautification Committee (NBC)

December 2017 marked the election of new officers for the Newbury Beautification Committee (NBC). NBC's 2018 officers are:

Bonnie Guterl, Chair
Ted and Diane Jones, Vice Presidents
Kathy Bashaw, Treasurer
Debbie Chrisman, Recording Secretary
Susan Giaccotto, Corresponding Secretary
Cindy Peterson, Membership
Susan Bedard, Publicity
Debbie Broderick, Member-at-Large

Our appreciation and gratitude go to outgoing Chairs, Stu and Judy Hale.

Please reach out to any of these Board members if you have an interest in joining a fun-loving group of individuals dedicated to promoting and enhancing the pride we all have in our community. Whether you are a long time resident or a new resident, male or female, working or retired - this is a wonderful opportunity to become involved, share new experiences, and form new friendships.

Upcoming NBC events include our ham and bean supper prior to our Annual Town Meeting in March, and the annual NBC plant sale in May.

Center Meeting House

There was a full house for the Tree Lighting at Center Meeting House on December 5. Joy Nowell led the event as local Girl Scouts and Brownies caroled, Chuck Kennedy played the pump organ, and people dressed in red and white Santa hats. After the Tree Lighting, our local police were on hand to escort everyone across the street to the Veterans Hall for refreshments provided by the Newbury Beautification Committee.

The Meeting House is now closed for the winter, “resting” until Memorial Day weekend. With the arrival of June, an exciting event will be offered for the five Saturdays in that month. “Here’s to your Health” is offered at The Center Meeting House in celebration of New London Hospital’s 100th anniversary. Come learn about contemporary health and wellness topics presented by professional medical staff and local health providers. Here’s the June lineup:

- June 2 - *Healthy Eating*
- June 9 - *Balance and Falls Prevention*
- June 16 - *Advances in Joint Replacement*
- June 23 - *Depression and Substance Abuse*
- June 30 - *Advance Care Planning*.

All presentations run from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Meeting House. Q&As are encouraged and refreshments follow each presentation. Come participate in this significant event. It is our honor to host it and to be a part of New London Hospital’s 100th Anniversary.

Family Services

A special “Thank You!” goes out to all who donated, volunteered or helped in any way to make Christmas a merry one for this year’s needy families in Newbury. You can be sure it was a happy night when families picked up the Christmas Baskets and gifts for the children from the Giving Tree.

The caring residents of Newbury have indeed shown their generosity once again and their kindness and thoughtfulness made a difference. The members of the South Newbury Union Church again rose to the challenge of coordinating, setting up, and filling the Christmas Baskets and arranging delivery and distributions of the gifts. It was a joy to see families smiling as they left the Friendship House. Great job by all!

-Gail Bostic, Director

Newbury Family Services

The Newbury Planning Board needs volunteers to serve as Alternates on the Board. Come be part of Newbury’s Future! Contact Tiffany Favreau, Land Use Coordinator, at landuse@newburynh.org or call 763-4940 ext. 201.

Library Happenings

January 17: Model Building Club - Informational Session

Do you build plastic or balsa wood models? Have you ever wanted to try to build scale models of boats, planes, trains or more? Join Mike Plunkett as he shares several models he has built and learn more about this fascinating hobby.

Where: Vets Hall at 7:00 p.m.

January 22: Storyteller Simon Brooks

Simon Brooks offers an evening of Celtic tales designed to take you into the realm of Celtic myths, legends and tales. Brooks brings his Briton lineage to his storytelling! This event is intended for adults because some tales have themes that are not suitable for children.

Where: Vets Hall at 7:00 p.m.

January 29: Heart Attack Prevention

The Newbury Fire Department hosts this important event and shares the latest information on heart attack prevention strategies.

Where: Vets Hall at 7:00 p.m.

January 31: Mahjongg Night

Beginners and experienced players alike are welcome! Contact Shannon at the Library if you are interested in joining.

Where: Library at 6:30 p.m.

February 1: Alice's Ordinary People

There will be a screening of the documentary *Alice's Ordinary People*, followed by a Q&A with director Craig Dudnick. "*Alice's Ordinary People*" is a 56-minute documentary about Alice Tregay, an unsung heroine of the Civil Rights Movement. Her remarkable story spans the historic period from the marches of Dr. Martin Luther King to the election of President Barack Obama. Her great contribution to the field of politics is the thread which connects these two men.

Where: Vets Hall at 6:30 p.m.

February 7: Addiction in NH Communities

Wayne Miller joins us from HOPE for NH Recovery in Claremont NH, whose mission is to support people affected by addiction through lived experiences on their path to wellbeing. Miller will share general statistics about addiction in our area and the epidemic that is affecting NH. He also will provide information about services available in Sullivan County. The session ends with a Q&A with Miller.

Where: Vets Hall at 6:00 p.m.



GAME NIGHT!

COMMUNITY CRIBBAGE

DATE: Tuesday, January 16, 2018

TIME: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

PLACE: Newbury Veterans Hall, 944 Route 103 - Newbury, NH

All skill levels welcomed. It doesn't matter if you are just beginning or you have played for years. It's all in good fun, So come out to play, learn or watch! If you have a board and a deck of cards, bring them.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED. FEEL FREE TO BRING A SNACK TO SHARE!



For more information or to RSVP email or call the Newbury Recreation Department.

Rosie@newburynh.org

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Children's Programs at the Library

Storytime Schedule Change

Beginning on January 8, Storytime will be held Mondays at 10:00 a.m. instead of Wednesdays. If there is a Monday holiday (i.e. Martin Luther King Day on January 15), or if schools are closed due to weather, the library will not be open and there will not be Storytime that day.

After-school Programs Starting in January

We have two different after-school programs starting in January: a **fiber arts program** and a **LEGO/KEVA planks program**. For both, the bus can drop off the children at the library.

Fiber Arts Program

Children learn basic sewing techniques in needlepoint, latch hook, and felting. Participants are encouraged to work independently throughout the program.

Part 1: Needlepoint instruction - January 23 - February 20

Part 2: Latch hook instruction - March 20 - April 17.

Program runs from 3:40 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and is open to grades 1-5. Permission slips are needed, so please sign up at the library.

LEGO/KEVA Planks Program

Children let their creativity run free in our LEGO/KEVA planks club. Each week we will focus on a particular theme and share our creations with each other.

Part 1: January 25 - February 22

Part 2: March 22 - April 19

Program runs from 3:40 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. and is open to grades 1-5. Permission slips are needed, so please sign up at the library.

Wildlife Encounters

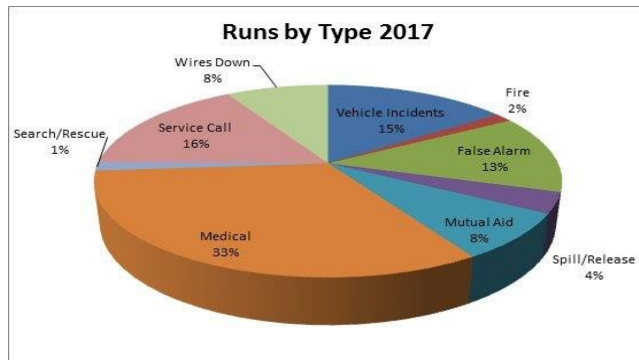
On February 28, we will host Wildlife Encounters for February vacation week. This program starts at 1:00 p.m. at the Vets Hall.



Fire Department News

Calls for the year

The year 2017 was a record year for Newbury Fire Rescue. There were a total of 343 calls for service, which was 24% over 2016 and 15% above the record year of 2014. Medical calls remained the highest percentage of calls with public service calls and vehicle incidents making up the top three.



Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a colorless and odorless gas that results from the burning of fuels that can be dangerous and even deadly to anyone who is exposed to the fumes. The most common source of CO are improperly vented furnaces, stoves and portable generators. Often, people are not aware of carbon monoxide in the home until they become ill. **The only early warning sign of carbon monoxide is to have carbon monoxide detectors in the home.**

CO detectors should be located on every level of the house and outside of each bedroom. **When the carbon monoxide detector sounds, you should call 911 and evacuate the house.** Batteries should be replaced on an annual basis. Keep in mind that CO detectors are only good for seven years and should be replaced after that time.

We recommend that when traveling, you bring a travel CO alarm that is designed to protect you in the event that your lodgings are not equipped with carbon monoxide detectors.

Weather Emergency Contact Program

The heavy snow and extreme cold weather has resulted in a great deal of activity for the Town of Newbury Weather Emergency Contact Program. Under this program, older or disabled Newbury residents who may have difficulty getting out or need assistance during severe weather, register for a contact list that is maintained by Newbury Fire Rescue.

This is how it works: During or following a storm or power failure, registered residents are called by phone to verify that they are OK. If we are not able to contact the person on the phone, a firefighter goes to the house to check on the individual. During the past several years, these “wellbeing” checks have been done once or twice a year. This year, the weather has necessitated numerous calls and a number of special assistance responses by the fire department. In one instance, when a resident was running low on heating oil (because the oil truck could not get to the house) an emergency supply of heating oil was delivered by the fire department. In another situation, a path was shoveled to a resident’s door so they could get out.

If you are interested in being included in the Weather Emergency Contact Program, send an email with your name, address and phone number to the Newbury Fire Department at newburyfire@gmail.com.

Severe Weather Safety Reminders

As we suffer through this harsh winter, there are a number of personal safety activities that everyone should keep in mind. Also, please remember: if you do have an emergency, call 911.

- After a snow storm, **clear all of your doors of snow so you can get out in an emergency.** Many people shovel a path from the one door that they normally use and forget about the others. If the main door is blocked by fire, be sure that you have another escape route.
- Be sure that your **street address on your house or mail box is visible from the road** and not covered with snow. This is important. First responders must be able to see your street address when responding in a fire or medical emergency.
- Be sure that **furnace vents are not blocked by drifting snow** or snow that may have slid off the roof. One of the leading causes of carbon monoxide poisoning is blocked furnace vents.
- **Gasoline-powered generators should never be run in a house, garage or within 10 feet of the building** because they produce deadly carbon monoxide fumes.
- **Keep pipes from freezing.** This may mean keeping the kitchen sink cabinet doors open on nights when the temperature goes below zero. If the pipes do freeze, be sure that you know the location of the water shut-off and that you can quickly turn off the water to prevent flooding. If you suspect a frozen pipe, shut off the water when you leave for work in the morning.

Fire Department News, Continued

Training

2017 was one of the most active years for training in the history of Newbury Fire Rescue. 2018 is starting out the same way with two fire department members enrolled in the Firefighter I class through the NH Department of Safety, Fire Standards & Training Fire Academy at Lakes Region Community College. Another department member is continuing his education in the Fire Science program at Southern Maine Community College.

During 2017, training accounted for 27% of the department's payroll budget with members attending over 50 individual training programs. One Newbury firefighter graduated from the Firefighter I program in 2017. In addition to the 23 regularly scheduled in-house training sessions, firefighters and EMTs attended conferences at the North Country and Central NH EMS Conferences, New Hampshire Fire Academy, Hazmat conferences in Concord and Baltimore, and regional training sessions. There were also a number of on-line training classes that members took on their own.

Follow Us on FaceBook

Newbury Fire Rescue has developed quite a following on FaceBook! The FaceBook Page, which is continuously updated, provides information and photos on significant emergency responses, training, fire prevention, public safety, and emergency medical topics.

From the Town Clerk...

Offices Open for Election on March 13, 2018 are as follows:

Selectmen - 3 years	Moderator - 2 years	Town Clerk/Tax Collector - 3 years
Planning Board - 3 years	Planning Board - 2 years	Planning Board - 3 years
Zoning Board - 3 years	Zoning Board - 2 years	Library Trustee - 3 years
Library Trustee - 3 years	Library Trustee - 1 year	Library Trustee - 1 year
Cemetery Trustee - 1 year	Trustee of the Trust Fund - 3 years	

Please Note: The filing period for Town Office positions is January 24, 2018 to February 2, 2018 at the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours.

The **2018 Town Election** will be March 13, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Henry E. Thomas, Jr. meeting room at the Newbury Town Office Building. The **2018 Business Meeting** will be March 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Spruce Lodge at Mt. Sunapee Resort.

Dog Licenses are available now. To avoid penalties, licenses need to be paid by April 30, 2018. You can also renew online at the Town website www.newburynh.org.





**CONGRATULATIONS TO BOB'S BEACON MARINA, WINNER OF
THE "LIGHT-UP NEWBURY" HOLIDAY LIGHT DISPLAY CONTEST!!**

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website at
www.newburynh.org**

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