

## **Newbury Times**

### **Dennis' Desk**

Greetings of the season, the Board had been diligently working with our budget committee and department heads in crafting next year's budget, with upward price pressures it's been very challenging. Thank you to all Town employees, board members and volunteers for making Newbury the special place it is.

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### **Center Meeting House**

We were so happy that many of you joined us for our Annual Events at the winding down of 2022. At Thanks for Giving 2022, we honored our Town Administrator, Dennis Pavlicek, whose knowledge and dedication have helped Newbury navigate a changing world this year and each year. Please share your ideas for a 2023 Thanks for Giving honoree to be recognized on the next Sunday before Thanksgiving (11/19/23) service.

The Lighting of Alice's Tree, Newbury's Christmas Tree, on the first Sunday in December is always a fun way to gather and welcome the holidays. We sing, we ring the bell, and then we feast. We started a new tradition this past year. We held a drawing to select what family or individual would "Ring the Bell" and another to select who would "Light the Tree." If you would like to do either, be sure to enter your name at the library for the drawings.

As you all know CMH is not heated, so the building is closed for the winter. We will open the spring season in early June with a screening of THE FORGOTTEN FOREST PRIMEVAL: REDISCOVERING MOUNT SUNAPEE. We hope to have some of the principals who made this documentary about our own backyard join us. This season we will be joining with the Newbury Library, Historical Society and The Fells to present a program with Mary Kronenwetter, author of PAUPER AUCTION. Her well researched and atmospheric novel provides us with a window into life in rural NH in 1805. Another view of early life here in NH when times were hard is Steve Taylor's NH Humanities program POOR HOUSE & TOWN FARM: The Hard Row for Paupers. Some of you may remember or have heard about Betty & Barney Hill who in Sept. 1961 claimed to have been abducted by aliens in the White Mountains of NH. This was the first well documented, feasibly legitimate UFO abduction in history. Their papers now are in the special collections at UNH and the archivist there will join us to explore this piece of NH history.

We have more NH people, place and things to explore in the new year. Once all the dates for the programs are finalized, they will be shared on the Center Meeting House website, Facebook page, and our old style stone sign. Please keep an eye out and join us to explore the unusual in our own backyard.



### **Taking Trees Down ?? Wait !!**

In New Hampshire, timber is considered real estate. To encourage conservation of our natural resources, it is not taxed until it is cut down. In accordance with RSA Chapter 79, Forest Conservation and Taxation, an “Intent to Cut” application (PA-7) must be completed and submitted to the Town before any timber can be cut from any property. The application can be completed by the logger but must be signed by the owner (s), *as the owner (s) are the people responsible for the payment of the yield tax.*

### **It is a property owner’s responsibility to know the rules, before hiring the logger**

There can be exceptions to the tax:

The law allows for up to 10,000 board feet of logs or 20 cords of wood yield tax free per tax year, **so long as the wood is used for the personal use of the owner.** The logs or wood cannot be sold or even given in lieu of payment for the timber cut; a yield tax would be issued if that were the case.

For purposes of land conversion, such as building a new house, the Intent to Cut is not required if less than 10,000 board feet or 20 cords of wood are cut **and building permits are in place.**

If there is any question regarding the applicability of the law, **please** reach out to our offices to discuss your situation before making any assumptions.

Fines for non-compliance range up to \$2,000. A Doomage penalty may be assessed for improper reporting. A Doomage penalty will make the tax twice what it would have been if the Report had been timely filed and truly reported. The DRA and NH Division of Forest & Lands have the authority to issue a cease and desist for any cutting operation not in compliance with RSA 79.

Guidelines for RSA 79, and the Intent to Cut application, can be found on the Town of Newbury’s website under Assessing / Timber Tax Synopsis

**\*Please note:** if you are located on a waterbody, please refer to the Town of Newbury’s Shore Land Tree Cutting Application found on the Town website under Conservation / Tree/Vegetation Cutting

We love trees too, so when in doubt give us a shout!

## Library Happenings

Want to get to know your neighbors and learn more about the area? Join us for *Community Meet & Greet Coffee Hour* on **Sunday January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3pm** at the Vets Hall and meet new people! Whether you are new to the area, or just want to get to know your community better, you are welcome to join! All are welcome!

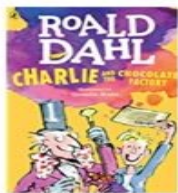
Join us at the Vets Hall on **Monday January 30<sup>th</sup> at 5pm** for *Six Pillars of Brain Health*, an AARP NH presentation! It is never too late to focus on your brain health. In this interactive session you will learn about the six pillars of brain health, activities that support brain health, and hopefully be inspired by others. This session is a good overview for anyone interested in learning more about brain health and will provide you with information on the latest research on brain health, lifestyle suggestions, and resources to learn more.

On **Monday February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** at the Vets Hall, join us for *The Survival Story of Moose in NH* with NH Fish and Game's Wildlife Stewards! This presentation covers a brief natural history of moose in NH, where they are most likely to be found in the state, and how climate change is impacting their survival. You will learn that moose are skilled swimmers, how parasites decrease moose survival, what their current population is around the state, and what you can do to help the largest member of the deer family. Also learn about how NH Fish and Game is working to better understand the issues facing moose and developing strategies to save this large icon of the New Hampshire north!

## Afterschool Program Fun with ROALD DAHL

Wednesday, Jan. 11 - Wednesday, Feb. 22  
3:30 - 5:00 PM - Grades 1 - 5

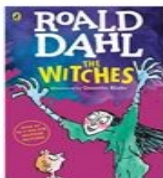
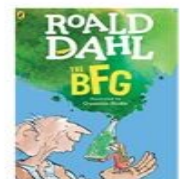
Stop by the Library to pick up your **"GOLDEN"** ticket  
and see what else we have in store for you!



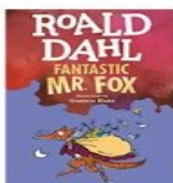
Each week we will read at least 1 chapter of each book.

RECREATE THE 13TH FLOOR OF THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY. CERTAIN ROOMS ARE REQUIRED, THEN YOU MAKE UP YOUR OWN ROOMS SUCH AS THE LAZY LEMONADE RIVER OR ROOT BEER FLOAT FOUNTAIN ROOM.

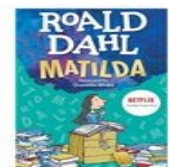
Learn about dreams, nebula jars and what BFG means, as well as make a dreamcatcher.



FIND OUT WHY THIS IS MRS. GOVE'S FAVORITE BOOK BY ROALD DAHL. DESIGN A WITCH. LEARN HOW TO TELL WHAT A "REAL WITCH" LOOKS LIKE AND ACT OUT SCENARIO CARDS.



FIND OUT WHAT MAKES MATILDA SO SPECIAL. THEN CREATE & DESIGN YOUR OWN PERSONAL CHARACTER TRAIT POSTER AND MAKE A BOOKMARK



Enjoy popcorn and hot cocoa as you watch the movie Fantastic Mr. Fox.

For more info. or to sign up call 603-763-5803 or stop by the library.

# "SNOW" SOME LOVE TO YOURSELF, FAMILY, OR FRIENDS TEEN PROGRAM Wed. March 1st - 5-7pm



**Make Sugar Scrub  
& Lip Balm  
Keep it for  
yourself or gift it.**



**Build Snow people -  
bring clothes to be  
outside.**



**Make snowmen  
mittens**



**What's for  
supper?  
Spaghetti &  
Garlic bread.**



**Please keep in mind that pick-up will be after the library closes for the day.  
For more information or to sign up call 603-763-5803  
or stop by the library.**

## **Town Clerk's Office**

Offices open for March 14, 2023 Town Election  
(contingent upon status quo of Board Members)

Selectboard – 3 Years  
Treasurer – 3 Years  
Trustee of Trust Funds – 3 Years  
Library Trustee – 3 Years  
Cemetery Trustee – 3 Years  
Planning Board – 3 Years  
Planning Board – 3 Years  
Zoning Board of Adjustment – 3 Years  
Zoning Board of Adjustment – 1 Year  
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Filing period for Town Offices is 1/25/23 – 2/03/23

Dog Licenses are due by April 30, 2023.

## Family Services

The Family Service Department extends a huge thank you to all who helped in anyway to make a Merry Christmas for all.

### Newbury Beautification Committee

NBC wishes to extend our deepest appreciation and gratitude to those who participated in and or attended our annual wreath sale. Members volunteered their time, their creativity in the greening of the town, which looks awesome, and in the many workshops leading up to the wreath sale including finding the birch bark, cutting greens, drying flowers, collecting containers and creating the wonderful centerpieces that are always so popular at the sale. We also wish to thank the businesses for their participation and support. Hours of planning go into making the sale a wonderful experience for all those who attend and for all the volunteers who enjoy seeing those who return every year and new attendees sharing in the Holiday joy. It truly is an event. The custom designed wreaths by the elves were spectacular, the refreshments oh so good and the Christmas Boutique a big hit!

For those who attended the sale and were disappointed that we had sold out of wreaths we encourage you to contact us about being added to our pre-order list next year.

April seems a long way away but time flies. NBC will again be offering a scholarship to a deserving high school senior who is a resident of Newbury. Whether you attend KRHS, a private school or are home schooled you are eligible to apply. Applications will be available at the high school guidance office or at the Newbury Library. More information to follow.



Have you driven by the Town Highway Department on South Road lately? As a thank you to Cal Prussman and his entire department NBC has donated a new sign which Cal has installed, and which NBC members will landscape in the Spring. It looks spectacular! Thank you Cal and your mighty band of men for all that you do.

Our Meet and Greet meeting held in August was a huge success and as a result we gained several new members who are eager to carry on our traditions and who have already stepped forward and volunteered for various committees including two who volunteered to be elves at our wreath sale, creating custom holiday wreaths. Did you know that we have active members from several surrounding towns and that we work with the Sunapee Gardeners and the New London Garden Club? We invite anyone interested to contact us or to attend a general meeting in the Spring.

Our December meeting was followed by a Holiday Mix and Mingle offering an opportunity to thank our members for all their work and dedication to promoting and strengthening pride in our community.

We wish you all a very Happy Holiday season and a safe, healthy and peaceful year ahead. Look for us in the Spring as we begin to fill the window boxes and barrels with flowers and install our hanging baskets throughout the town.

Thank you again to all who have expressed appreciation for the work that we do. We welcome any suggestions you may have.

# Fire Department News

## Weather Emergency Contact List

Newbury Residents are reminded of the Weather Emergency Contact Program. Under this program, older or disabled Newbury residents, who may have difficulty getting out or may need assistance during severe weather register for a contact list that is maintained by Newbury Fire Rescue. During or following a storm or power failure, these individuals 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.

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

## Heating Safety

With the cold winter weather and high oil and gas prices, some residents are using electric space heaters to keep their homes warm. Please be safe and only use approved heaters with a tip over feature that shuts the heater off if the unit falls over.

Electric heaters should always be plugged directly into a wall outlet, extension cords and power strips should not be used. Always keep combustible furniture and materials, such as drapes away from the heater. Turn the heater off before you go to bed or leave the house.



## Street Address Signs



As mentioned in a previous newsletter, Newbury Fire Rescue is offering Newbury residents reflective street address signs to post at their homes. If you are interested in ordering one of these signs, please download the form, print and complete the requested information. Mail with your check to the Newbury Fire Department. The completed sign will be delivered to your home by Newbury Firefighters who will assist you with the placement of the sign.

These address signs meet the Town of Newbury Street Numbering Ordinance which requires that every home and business in Newbury has a street number posted that is visible from the road. The reason for the ordinance is to ensure that emergency responders are able to locate a property in the event of a medical emergency, fire, or other emergency. If you do not currently have street numbers posted, this program will provide an attractive street number sign for your property and help responders find you quickly in an emergency.

# Fire Department News Continued

## Traffic Collisions

This fall, Newbury Fire Rescue responded to a number of serious motor vehicle incidents on Newbury roads. Fortunately, these crashes did not result in serious personal injuries. Traditionally, the winter months have been a time when the frequency of vehicle collisions increase. There are two areas on Route 103 where a significant number of crashes occur, they are Ledge Hill between South Newbury and the center of town and the area of Birch Grove and Lakewood Manor roads on Route 103 west of town. Both of these areas have steep hills which tend to freeze before other parts of the highway. Unfortunately, drivers tend to drive too fast in these sections and slide off the road or skid into another vehicle or an object along the road.

Route 103 is a state highway and is plowed and sanded by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation. Conditions in hilly Newbury may be quite different than at DOT headquarters in Concord and when DOT is notified by police or fire, it may take an hour to get a plow and sander to Newbury to plow and treat the road.



Please drive safely, not only on the state highways but also on Newbury town roads. A road that looks wet may actually be covered with black ice. Many motorists regularly exceed the posted speed limit while traveling through our town. This can be disastrous when the roads are covered with ice and snow.



## New Rescue 1

After many delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and supply chain issues delaying delivery for two years, the new Newbury Rescue 1 has finally arrived in Newbury. The new four-wheel drive truck, which is replacing the 2004 Ford Rescue 1, the busiest piece of apparatus in the Newbury Fire Rescue fleet.

The new rescue was custom designed for the department and has a larger capacity, enabling the new truck to carry heavy rescue equipment, that was carried on another truck in addition to the emergency medical supplies and equipment carried on the old truck.

## Children's Holiday Event

Again, this past holiday season, the Newbury Fire Department Association conducted its successful children's holiday gift delivery. Newbury residents with young children registered online and Santa Clause arrived in a fire truck to deliver a present to each boy and girl.



## Newbury Energy Committee

The Newbury Energy Committee has been working hard to address the energy needs of our community. In August we held an informational meeting with representatives from Eversource in order to understand their approach to distribution network maintenance and upgrades and to identify opportunities for cooperation. Topics discussed included emergency response, community power, and the Blodgett's network.

On September 19 Newbury Energy cohosted a showing of the film "Microplastic Madness" with the Newbury Public Library. This film has been shown all over New Hampshire as part of the Ten Towns initiative to limit the use of single use plastics.

One of our members, Andrew Cockerill, has been investigating food waste in collaboration with Kearsarge Climate Action. He was instrumental in encouraging our town to send a letter to the Dept. Of Agriculture in support of the Center for EcoTechnology's USDA Rural Utility Service Waste Management Grant Proposal.

On October 3, Steve Remen of our committee briefed the Selectboard on our desire to continue to investigate alternative Energy suppliers such as Community Power to enable lower energy costs for the town. We were given approval and hosted a second meeting with Henry Herndon of the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire on Nov. 28. The committee expects to raise a warrant article on this at the annual town meeting.

Our members Sue Kelly and Tracy Wood once again outdid themselves at Newbury's Truck or Treat celebration with an interactive exhibit on weatherization, demonstrating ways to save power in your home.

On October 31, Newbury Energy celebrated the completion of our municipal solar array at the Waste Water Treatment facility at Blodgett's Landing with a ribbon cutting. Dennis Pavlicek, our town administrator, Ed Thorson, Selectboard member, and former Selectboard member Joy Nowell as well as Energy Committee members and Newbury residents attended. The facility will produce 100kW ac of electricity for the town. Output can be monitored on the town website. Many thanks to Mary Fuller and her solar subcommittee for getting this project to the finish line.

We hope in the near future to bring residents more information about the rebates available through the Inflation Reduction Act, residential solar and heat pumps.

