

The Newbury Times



Library Happenings

Reopening

We are moving forward with the next phase of reopening the library, which means the public will be allowed back into the building Mondays - Thursdays from 12 - 4:00 p.m., starting on Monday, July 27th. I want to stress that our reopening plan is phased, and although the process is gradual, our aim is to provide as much service as is possible, while maintaining the safety of our staff and our patrons. We thank you all for your patience in this process; we know it has been a difficult time for everyone.

It is required that all staff and public wear masks while in the building. Hand sanitizer will be available as you enter the library, and at the computer terminals and bathrooms. The number of computers available will be limited to 2 at a time to allow for adequate social distancing. We ask that you respect personal space when moving through the library and we have marked the building with signs to make this process clearly visible. Restrooms are available, but we encourage you to use the restroom at home to help minimize the frequency of cleaning.

* Visits are limited to Mondays - Thursdays from 12 - 4:00 p.m., for 30-minute time periods. At any one time, the number of people allowed in the building will be limited to 5, plus 2 staff members. Please wait at the door until it is your turn if the library is already occupied.

*Please avoid public places if you have any symptoms of COVID, or if you have been around any confirmed or suspected COVID cases.

*Face masks covering your nose and mouth are required in the building. Remember to bring your own mask; we will provide disposable masks if you forget. Porch pick-up is available for those who do not want to or cannot wear a mask. We also have hand sanitizer available when you enter the building.

*Please remember that no space is free of risk, and although we are doing everything we can, it is everyone's responsibility to create a safe space. CDC guidelines suggest maintaining at least a 6ft distance from other people, and frequently washing your hands or using sanitizer when soap and water are not available.

* Library users may browse the shelves, pick up holds or use our computers. We are limiting the number of people in the fiction room, non-fiction room and new shelves to 1 person at a time to provide adequate space for social distancing.

*Please be mindful of the surfaces you touch. If you take a book from the shelves, either check it out, or put it in the quarantine boxes located in each room of the library; do not put it back on the shelf.

*Public computer usage, copying and printing will also be offered; computer usage is limited to 30-minute slots per day. Due to social distancing requirements, we cannot provide close technology assistance at this time.

*We encourage you to continue to utilize porch pick-up whenever possible.

*Although we would like to keep visits social, we ask that you keep your visits brief to accommodate other patrons.

Our reopening plan is contingent on everyone's ability to follow these guidelines, and our ability to maintain a safe, clean space for all our patrons and staff. I thank everyone in advance for all your cooperation, and we look forward to seeing you again soon, even on this limited basis.

We have a FAQ page, where we have detailed information and answer any questions you may have. Feel free to contact us for any further clarification.

<http://newburynhlibrary.net/porch-faq>

Library Happenings Continued

Census

There will be a representative from the US Census Bureau at the library to help assist with filling out your census, if you have not already done so. **Visit the porch on Sundays August 2nd, August 9th, and August 16th from 12 - 4:00 p.m..** The census form takes less than 5 minutes to complete. You can also complete online: <https://2020census.gov/>

Porch Pick-up

To order materials through a porch pick-up, you may either call 763-5803, email newburypubliclibrary@yahoo.com or place holds directly through our catalog. We will set up with you a time to pick the items up - please wait until we have scheduled your time with you to come, as we will not be answering the door.

Home Delivery

Home Delivery is up and running and delivery days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you have never received a home delivery from us, call us so we can set you up. Call 763-5803 or email us.

Newbury Beautification Committee

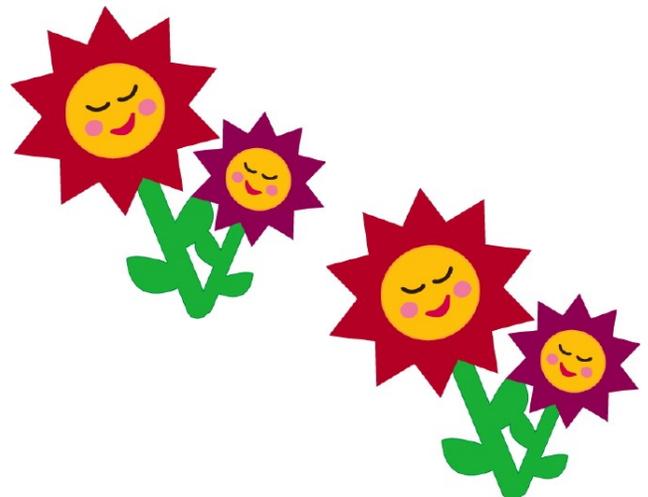
Due to these uncertain times, the NBC will be holding a virtual wreath sale this year. We will have 12-inch floral quality wreaths and 12-inch, 16-inch, 18-inch, 24-inch and 36-inch wreaths available for pre-order. We will also have bows for sale on the day of pick up. Pricing will be advertised in early September with a cut-off date for pre-orders. The handmade birch bark ornaments will also be available this year.

As always, the NBC appreciates your support and we look forward to a successful sale. Proceeds pay for the wreaths and bows that decorate our town for the holiday season. We are mentioning this so early in the year because we want everyone to be aware that they will be able to get their wreaths.

On a more positive note, NBC is honored to announce two scholarship recipients this year. They are Kateri Kalpakgian who graduated from Mount Royal Academy and is planning to attend Franciscan University of Steubenville in Steubenville, Ohio this fall. The other recipient is Katherine Kelly who graduated from Kearsarge Regional High School and is planning to attend Boston College. Congratulations to both winners. We at NBC wish them the best of luck as they enter the next chapter of their academic lives.

Broadband for Newbury

The need for high speed internet service has increased due to the Covid pandemic. Many of us are working from home and our children are taking online high school and college courses this fall. It is critical that we improve our broadband to our neighborhoods. If you are in need or in favor of this, a local committee is being formed. Please contact the town office for information if you are interested in being part of this committee. Grants may be available.





PRESS RELEASE

Newbury Fire Department Celebrates Groundbreaking for New Fire Station

Newbury Fire Department held a ceremonial groundbreaking celebration on Thursday, July 16th at the site of the new Newbury Fire Station to be built by North Branch Construction of Concord. The project located on Route 103 in Newbury, New Hampshire includes the new construction of an 8,832 square foot wood and concrete masonry unit (CMU) building.

Over the past decade, multiple studies and public input sessions conducted by the Town of Newbury have pointed to the need for a new fire station that will better meet the needs of today's firefighting and emergency response requirements. The new design will provide adequate space for the department's current equipment, protect firefighters from hazardous substances and vehicle exhaust, and eliminate a number of safety hazards associated with the department's current location and tight spaces. The new fire station will include three drive-through apparatus bays, eliminating the need for the "stacking" of vehicles and blocking of traffic on Route 103 when repositioning vehicles after a call. In addition, the proper storage of firefighter gear and equipment, along with decontamination facilities, will provide firefighters with a safer and healthier work environment and extend the life of their equipment.

The Newbury Fire Department, in operation since 1927, is a paid on call fire and emergency services department with 28 active members serving the 1,859 residents of the Town of Newbury, as well as an additional 1,728 seasonal residents, 42 business properties, and visitors to the Mount Sunapee ski area and the Sunapee State Beach. The Newbury Fire Department operates eight pieces of apparatus – 3 engines, 1 rescue, 1 tanker, a command car, and two boats on Lake Sunapee. In addition to providing services to the Town of Newbury, the Department, through mutual aid agreements, assists the fire departments in the surrounding communities as well.

Tennant Goucher Architects of Bedford, NH is the architectural design firm on the project.



Message from the Supervisor's of the Checklist

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE THE COMING ELECTIONS SAFE FOR ALL

As a town, we are working to make the upcoming Primary on September 8th and the General Election on November 3rd as safe as possible for every Newbury voter and poll worker. We are reconfiguring our space and voting process to provide a safe flow for voting on election day.

The Secretary of State's office is working with election officials and will be providing each town PPE equipment for the poll workers and masks for voters. They are sending out via mail voting information to every household and have updated information via Facebook and Twitter: @nhsecretary.

Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic coming elections have new challenges and working together we can make them safe while preserving voting rights for all in our town.

Absentee Voting and Registration is available to **ALL** voters. If you are concerned that registering or voting in-person may expose yourself or others to COVID-19, you have the option to register and vote by mail.

If you can vote absentee, this would greatly reduce the number of voters using the town's meeting room. Social distancing and other precautions are going to be necessary to ensure those voting in person and the poll workers are protected.

Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot request forms are available on the town's website, www.newburynh.org under Forms and Applications. Completed forms may be submitted to the Town Clerk in person or at PO Box 253, Newbury, NH 03255.

To get more information, a great and easy website to navigate is: <https://www.voteinnh.org>

Below is the Secretary of State's related information.

COVID-19 RELATED REGISTRATION AND VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Registering to vote and voting in person at 2020 elections may pose a health risk to some due to the COVID-19 health emergency. You may register and vote by absentee (by mail) if: • You are ill due to COVID-19, or caring for someone with COVID-19/symptoms; or • **You are concerned that registering or voting in person will expose you or others to COVID-19. The term "disability" in the election law extends to these circumstances.** Even if you do not consider yourself a person with disability in other circumstances, **this term applies for registering to vote and voting in 2020.** The opportunity to register and vote absentee due to disability from COVID-19 will apply in 2020, regardless of the future development of the public health crisis. You must sign the "disability" affidavit on the forms for absentee registration and absentee voting.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Upcoming changes in hours for the Town Clerk's Office:

We will be closed on August 18th, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. due to voter education.

We will be open Monday, September 7, 2020 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. only for voters who wish to vote absentee for the State Primary on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

If you haven't registered your dog, please do so by August 7th in order to avoid being on the list of owners with unregistered dogs that will be submitted to the Selectboard on August 10th per RSA 466:11.

Don't Let COVID-19 Stop You from Voting

Request an Absentee Ballot!



New rules allow any NH voter with COVID-19 concerns to use the "physical disability" excuse to request an absentee ballot for the 2020 elections. Help keep voters and poll workers safe; request your absentee ballot now!



Get your absentee ballot application at:

- Your town or city website
- [SOS.NH.Gov](https://sos.nh.gov)
- Your town clerk's office in person, or by email or phone

From Dennis' Desk

North Branch Construction has started the Fire Station Project. Ground breaking was in the middle of July and the site work contractor has been making good progress towards building construction commencing. The town has entered into agreement with the NH Municipal Bond Bank for the bonding of the project. The bond will be for 20 years and will have a level payment and the APR will be 1.76% over the life of the bond.

It seems to be a little strange that we have not had many activities this summer, but we hope to be back next year better than ever.

Recreation Corner

I would love to get recommendations on trips that people would like to see the Rec. vehicle be used for and things they would enjoy. Getting input back is a great way to make sure everyone has a say and contributes to the usage of the vehicle. If you have any suggestions, please email Sydney at recreation@newburynh.org.



2020

NEWBURY RECREATION

SYD BRYK

NEWBURY SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



NEWBURY HARBOR

UPCOMING CONCERT SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 6: Zak Trojano (Country Blues Tradition)

Thursday, August 13: Nick's Other Band (Classic Rock)

Live Music

Thursday Evenings

6:30 p.m.—8 p.m.

Thank you to the previous bands who performed, The Flames, The Ferns, FROGZ, Bacchus, and Lunch at the Dump!



NEWBURY RECREATION



PREK—KINDERGARTEN SOCCER



LAKE SOLITUDE



CHUCKSTERS

SUMMER CAMPS

HOSTED AT FISHERSFIELD PARK



Lake Solitude Field Trip

This year we held four summer programs: Challenge Week, Nature Week, Athlete Week, and Soccer Camp. During these weeks, the camps were hosted at Fishersfield Park and we took various field trips. We were able to use the Recreation vehicle to transport children to The Fells, Mount Sunapee to hike Lake Solitude, Chucksters, and the Newbury Docks.



1st – 5th Grade Soccer



NATURE WEEK



NEWBURY DOCKS



CHALLENGE WEEK



WEATHERIZE Upper Valley

FREE Webinar / August 17 at Noon
REGISTER ONLINE at
vitalcommunities.org/weatherinze

WHAT does it mean to “weatherize” my home?

Weatherizing means making physical home improvements—such as **insulation** and **air sealing**—to **reduce energy costs, improve comfort, and resolve issues** such as ice dams, moisture, mold, cold spots and drafts. Most (if not all) of the work will be in your basement and attic.

How much will it COST?

NHSaves rebates usually cover 50% (up to \$4,000) of approved weatherization improvements (eligibility based on fuel use per square foot). The cost of weatherization typically ranges from under \$5,000 to over \$12,000 (not including rebates), with average annual energy savings of 20-25%. Eversource and New Hampshire Electric Coop customers may be eligible for **INCREASED REBATES** (90% rebate on approved insulation and health/safety measures, up to \$8,000) for projects completed by Nov. 15, 2020.

What if I can’t attend the August 17 webinar?

A recording of this webinar will be available online at vitalcommunities.org/weatherize.

Monday, August 17th Noon - 1:00 p.m. Attend by computer, tablet, or phone

Gordon Tuttle from NHSaves will cover:

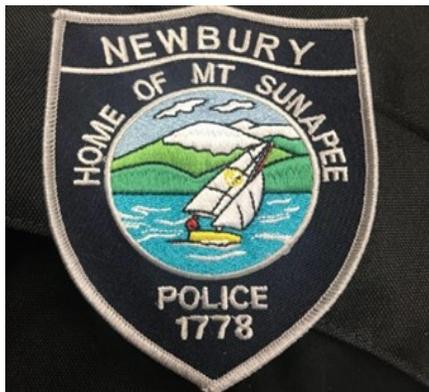
- Home energy efficiency basics
- **COVID-safe** weatherization with NHSaves
- Typical upgrades, costs, and benefits
- **Increased rebates** for projects completed by November 15, 2020 (details below)
- Your **next steps**

Newbury Rally to Thank Our Police, First Responders and Medical Workers

August 23 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Fishersfield Park on Old Post Road.

Please bring a flag, wear a mask, and practice social distancing.

Sponsored by The Newbury Veterans Committee.



Happy Retirement to Mike Croteau

On August 3, 2020 we wished Mike Croteau a happy retirement! At the Selectboard Meeting that night we surprised Mike with a gathering of his family, friends and co-workers. Mike has been with the fire department for 75 years as a firefighter and also serving as Chief at one time. Mike was an asset to our town. He started with the fire department at just 15 years old in 1945 putting out brush fires caused by the cinders from the trains coming in from Concord. Mike also was a deputy forest fire warden for many years for the State and the Town.

Ed Thorson lead the ceremony and introduced each speaker.

Lea McBain from the library presented a painted rock that patrons signed and thanked him for his service and dedication all these years..

Doug Miner & DJ Smith, State Forest Fire Rangers, recognized Mike for his achievement of dedication and presented him a Smokey bear certificate.

Paul Parisi, State Fire Marshall, said Mike is a shining example of volunteerism, he gave 75 selfless years.

Pam Drewniak New London Ambulance presented him with their challenge coin.

Mike received proclamations from the Town of New London, Annie Kuster, Senator Shaheen and Governor Sununu. From Senator Hassen, Mike was written in the congressional record. Chief Thomas thanked him for all he has done. Ken Burnell presented him with a retired fire license plate and the Town of Newbury presented him with a rocking chair engraved with the fire department logo and his name. Dan Wolf , Karen Ebel and Judy Hale thanked Mike also.

Mike you will be missed but we know we will see you around town!! Happy Retirement!!



Fire Department News

Outside Burn Permits

Do you own a property that is a vacation rental or Air B&B? If so, is there a wood burning fire pit or outside fireplace that is available to be used by your tenant? Do you have a seasonal Permit to Kindle Fire from the Forest Fire Warden?

Please provide your tenants with information on fire safety and the NH Outside Fire Rules.

- Tenants must have written permission from the property owner to kindle a fire.
- The permit shall be in the name of the person responsible for the fire. The tenant must have their own permit even if the property owner has been issued a permit.
- Category I (fire pit or fireplace less than 2ft in diameter) must be 25' from a structure.
- Category II (2'- 4' in diameter) must be 50' from a structure and can only be kindled after 5:00 pm.
- The fire must be continuously attended by a person over 18.
- A garden hose or water bucket should be available.
- The fire must be completely extinguished before the person in charge leaves the area.
- Outside fires are not permitted on High Fire Danger Days.
- Wood to be burned must be clean, untreated and less than 5" in diameter.

Fireworks

Fireworks are very popular this summer with firework permits issued every weekend this month. Unfortunately, some people in Newbury are not complying with the town ordinance which requires a permit and prohibits fireworks displays after 10:00 p.m.

There is no charge for a fireworks permit and applying for a permit on the Newbury Fire Rescue website is simple. For new permits, a safety inspection of the display site can be easily arranged. Renewal permits can be issued online.

Permits issued are listed on the Newbury Fire Rescue website. If there are un-permitted fireworks in your neighborhood or there are firework displays after 10:00 p.m., please let Newbury Fire Rescue know by filling out a fireworks complaint form on the website or simply send an email with information on the location to newburyfire@gmail.com.

Of course, if the fireworks pose a serious fire or safety hazard please call 911.

Help us Find You in an Emergency

There has been a lot of new growth of vegetation this spring and summer that may now be blocking the view of your house and the address numbers from the street. There have been recent situations where emergency responders were delayed in finding a house because there were no visible address numbers.

Newbury's Street Numbering Ordinance states that the numbers of your street address must be visible from the road. If EMS, fire and police responders are not able to see your address, emergency help may be delayed.

Please verify that you can see the street number from the road, if not trim brush or post an address number closer to the road, the ordinance states that the numbers should be at least 4" in height and reflective so they can be seen at night. If you do call 911 please put an outside light on and have someone watch for the emergency responders.

Spontaneous Combustion

Newbury Fire Rescue has responded to several fires that ignited through the spontaneous combustion of oil or paint-soaked rags that were not disposed of properly. Any time that you are working with paints or vehicle maintenance or repair oils, the cloths need to be disposed of properly in a fireproof sealed container. The heat from the chemical reaction with the paints/oils can cause the rags to burn without a flame or other ignition source.

Please be sure to place all oil or paint rags in a fireproof container outside and away from the building and any combustible items.

Fire Department News, Continued

COVID-19

As first responders to medical emergencies, Newbury Fire Rescue has the responsibility of protecting the people that we serve and the emergency response personnel. It is the policy of the New Hampshire Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) as well as Newbury Fire Rescue to utilize full Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) on all medical calls. This is to protect both the patient and the responder as well as the patient's family members who may be present on an emergency medical call.

If we come to your home, we will be wearing gloves, face masks and eye protection. We will ask the patient and family members to also wear a face mask. We ask that when you call 911, you let the operator know if the patient or anyone in your household has tested positive for COVID-19 or if you or they have symptoms of COVID-19. The operator will ask a number of questions on COVID-19, so the responders will be prepared with proper PPE when they arrive

We will also ask a number of questions, such as if you have been out of the area recently, if you have a cough and about other symptoms of COVID-19 and will take your temperature before we are able to start our usual medical care. If the questions indicate that there is a potential COVID-19 case, we must follow a special protocol.

We understand that these enhanced precautions may appear to be overkill and unnecessary during a call for a minor injury or illness, but this is something that must be done to protect you as well as the first responders.

Newbury Health Officer

The Newbury Health Officer reminds all Newbury residents to protect themselves, their families and the community from COVID-19. Although the pandemic has not been as serious in New Hampshire, there have been cases in Newbury and the surrounding communities. Public health experts say the threat is likely to be with us at least through the end of 2020 and until a vaccine can be found and the population can be vaccinated.

Please continue to follow the Center for disease Control (CDC) and NH Health and Human Services recommendations to protect yourself:

- Maintain social distancing of 6 feet from others, avoid crowded areas and events
- Wear a face covering if social distancing can't be maintained and in public places
- Wash your hands with soap and water frequently for at least 20 seconds, use hand sanitizer if you can't wash. Especially after using a rest rooms, being in a public place, after preparing food, caring for someone that is sick or touching pets. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Use disinfectant wipes to clean surfaces, such as door handles, keyboards and telephones in the workplace.

Contact your physician if you have symptoms of COVID-19 such as a fever or chills, cough, fatigue, loss of taste or appetite, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, muscle ache or headache.

- If prescribed by your physician get a COVID-19 test. There are testing sites in our area, your physician will know the locations. Self-quarantine until the test results prove negative. If the test is positive continue to stay at home, quarantine and follow your doctor's recommendations.

Visitors from outside of New England, should quarantine unless they have been tested with a negative result.

Please be safe and follow the guidelines, additional information on COVID-19 is on the CDC and NHHHS websites. A daily New Hampshire COVID-19 can be found on the Newbury Fire Rescue Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/NewburyFireRescue/>

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Newbury's new police cruiser. (below)

Joy Nowell swears in Anthony Vaccaro as our new part time police officer. (right)



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www.newburynh.org

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