

# The Newbury Times



## Town Clerk /Tax Collector

Property tax bills due December 1, 2020.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office will be closing at noon on Thursday, December 24, 2020 in observation of Christmas and noon on Thursday, December 31, 2020 in observation of New Year's Day.

Filing period for Town Offices is January 20, 2021 through January 29, 2021. At this point in time, the anticipated offices open for filing are as follows:

Selectboard – 3 Years

Town Clerk/Tax Collector – 3 Years

Trustee of Trust Funds – 3 Years

Library Trustee – 3 Years

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Supervisor of Checklist – 6 Years

Cemetery Trustee – 3 Years

Planning Board – 3 Years

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Zoning Board of Adjustment – 3 Years

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**In an effort to limit foot traffic and COVID exposure to the Office, any business that can be transacted through the mail or online is encouraged.**

## Family Services

It is holiday time already, and the Giving Tree is up in the town office. Thank you to all who took a snowflake and are making sure every child in Newbury has a gift under their tree this year. Another thank you to all who took a snowflake with holiday dinners on it. This year the South Newbury Union Church has reported a list of 40 families receiving holiday baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Market Basket is reporting that they are unable to assure fulfilling complete orders this year. As a result, gift cards will be sent to families in need this year in lieu of a food basket. During these difficult times, there seems to be a greater need and again. Newbury is showing that it is indeed a generous, caring town.



## Dennis' Desk

Happy Thanksgiving to all and greetings of the season seem to be quite appropriate as we head into the land of snow, ice, and cold temperatures. 2020 will be a year that none of us will forget very quickly. We know so far that we have been fortunate in how we have fared in comparison to other communities in the world. Please remain diligent in protecting yourself and others until we can get through this difficult time.

Our property tax rate was set a little over a month ago, and by now you should have received your tax bill. We will be conducting a partial revaluation this coming year, so please stay tuned.

We are hoping that life will be back to normalcy sometime next year, and that Old Home Day and other activities will be back with a bang!

The Selectboard has been working on budgets for the upcoming year. Our facilities, such as the transfer station, have seen a major increase in use. We believe the number of residents have increased and part time residents are staying longer.

One thing I am sure you have noticed is how quickly the new fire station is being constructed, we hope that it will be completed by the end of June. To quote Ken Holmes, "IT'S ON TIME AND ON BUDGET." Thanks, Ken, for your dedicated service to this town.



# Fire Rescue News

## **Personal Protective Equipment**

If you have had reason to contact Newbury Fire Rescue for a medical issue over the last several months, you are aware that the department, as well as other emergency medical services throughout the state, are operating under enhanced personal protective equipment (PPE) protocols, established by the N.H. Bureau of Emergency Medical Services. Our PPE protocol, in addition to the gloves that have always been worn on all calls, includes face masks and face shields. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are required to ask certain screening questions of all patients, even if the call is not related to the outbreak. We will also ask the patient as well as other persons present in the house to wear a face mask. All of these precautions are taken to limit exposure of COVID-19 to the patient and family members as well as the first responders. We hope you understand why we must follow these procedures, and as always, our intent is to provide the best emergency medical service to the residents of the Town of Newbury as safely as possible.

## **Prevent Winter Fires**

Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, be fire smart! Often these fires start in wood burning heating equipment such as fireplaces and wood stoves. One out of seven fires and one in five fire deaths are caused by portable heating equipment. Keep combustibles away from all heating equipment. Be sure the fire is out in the fireplace before you go to bed, leaving dampers open to exhaust carbon monoxide from the coals. Keep children away from fireplaces and wood stoves.

## **Carbon Monoxide Hazards**

Every winter fire departments receive calls for people who are impacted by carbon monoxide poisoning. This colorless and odorless gas can result in sickness and even death to people who breathe the gas. Carbon monoxide poisoning can result from vehicles running in a garage, a backup generator, defective heaters and furnaces, furnace vent pipes plugged by snow, or improper use of gas cooking appliances. The best protection against carbon monoxide poisoning is to have carbon monoxide detectors in your home. These devices provide early warning of the deadly gas and allow you to get out of the house to call 911 so that the fire department can respond and identify the source of the carbon monoxide gas.

## **Dock De-Icers**

As you prepare your dock or boathouse for winter, keep in mind that state registration is required for all ice melting devices on the lake. The registration application, which has been updated for 2020, can be downloaded from the Town of Newbury or The Newbury Fire Rescue websites. Please file registrations with the town clerk's office. There is a 50-cent fee for the permit. NH State law requires that wherever these ice melting devices are located, a sign stating **DANGER THIN ICE** is posted and visible in all directions. Information on the requirements and the safe and effective use of Dock De-Icers is available on our websites.



# Fire Rescue News Continued

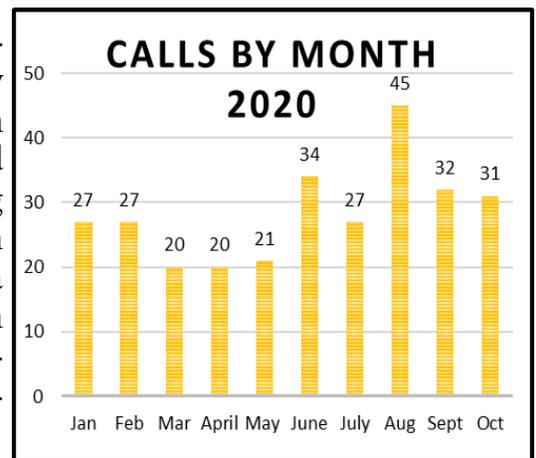
## Weather Emergency Contact Program

The winter ice and heavy snow is right around the corner. Fortunately, the winter of 2019-2020 was not as severe as some years; but this is the time to prepare for the upcoming winter. Newbury Fire Rescue administers Newbury's successful 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, may request to be on 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 will go to the residence and 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) or call our non-emergency line at 603-763-4403.

## Street Numbering Ordinance

Please keep in mind that the Town of Newbury Street Numbering Ordinance requires that every home and business in Newbury has a street number posted that is visible from the road. The reason for the ordinance was to assure that emergency responders would be able to locate a property in the event of an emergency. During the winter months, snow piles and other obstructions may block an address number on a building. This would be a good time to take a look at your property from the road to confirm that the number can be seen. If you have difficulty, chances are that emergency responders will not see the street number and response may be delayed. "Help us to find you so we can help you in an emergency"



## Newbury Fire Rescue Activity

The year 2020 has been challenging for Newbury Fire Rescue, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. During March, April, and May when the Governor's Stay at Home order was in place, the number of calls for service dropped substantially. Since the order has been lifted, the calls for service have increased. The total service calls for the year will be similar to the totals for the last several years.

As in the past, medical calls account for about one third of the calls for service. Other types of calls remain consistent with prior years with the exception of search and rescue calls. Search and rescue calls have increased with the number of people hiking on Mount Sunapee and other trails in town.

Construction is progressing on the new fire station. The construction of the building has an expected completion date in July 2021. Occupancy of the new facility by the department is expected to begin during the summer of 2021.



## Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat was a huge success this year, despite working on a set-up where participants and families attending the event followed guidelines for COVID. Over the course of 2 hours, we had over 150 kids come and participate in our town event, which is the most we ever had attend in previous years.

**We would like to thank everyone who came out and participated for Newbury's Trunk or Treat! A special thanks to all the departments, residents, and businesses that volunteered their time to decorate their trunks and pass out candy. Without all the work and participation this event wouldn't be able to happen.**

## Upcoming Events:

### Light Up Newbury ~For Our Local Business Owners~

Decorate the outside of your business with festive holiday lights and decorations for a chance to win a fabulous crystal personalized award! A picture of the winning business will appear in the Kearsarge Shopper.

To register email Syd at [recreation@newburynh.org](mailto:recreation@newburynh.org) by December 11<sup>th</sup>. Winners will be announced on December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Scrapbook Sunday

An event that happens every 2 to 3 months, where you take advantage of the day and space to work on your scrapbooking. It costs \$20.00, the fee includes continental breakfast/coffee, lunch, and snacks/beverages throughout the day.

This was started by two women who came to me, asking for a program where they can work on their scrapbooking.

If any residents have ideas and want to start a program/group where the Rec. can help host and supply, please reach out to Syd at [recreation@newburynh.org](mailto:recreation@newburynh.org) with any ideas you have and would like to see the Rec. offer or if you would like to get together to talk about any ideas.



Left: 2019 Light Up Newbury Winner: Bob's Beacon Marina

**Newbury  
Rec.**

## Holiday Craft Activities

During December with the Kearsarge school district closed for two weeks and Christmas break, the Rec. will be offering different craft, baking, project tutorials, etc. throughout this month. Stay tuned on our Facebook page, Instagram page, and website in order to get ideas of the DIY projects your kids can do.



## Newbury Beautification Committee



The Newbury Beautification Committee completed several fall projects. For the past several years, NBC has purchased and planted daffodils at five of the cemeteries in town. This year we planted most of the bulbs at the Chandler Cemetery and added more to the Marshall Cemetery.

We held a virtual Wreath Sale and appreciated the support of those who purchased wreaths from us. The proceeds from the sale enabled us to purchase wreaths and bows for our annual “Greening of the Town”.

## Health Officer

Since the impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic began, the Newbury Health Officer has been monitoring the situation in both New Hampshire and throughout the country. Information regarding daily Covid-19 updates from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS) and other government agencies are being posted on the Newbury Fire Rescue Facebook page (@NewburyFireRescue).

Active cases in our area continue to increase. Testing, which is now readily available has helped to identify those who are positive for Covid-19. The possibility of a vaccination to prevent the virus looks promising for 2021. We all need to work together to get through the next few months.

There are several important ways that people can protect themselves and their families from Covid-19. Most of the prevention is common sense: #1 Wear a face mask, #2 Practice social distancing, and #3 Wash your hands frequently. It is important to avoid large events where there may be people who are not wearing masks.

During the Governor’s Stay at Home Order, the Newbury Town office building was closed to public access. Most transactions usually conducted at the office were accomplished smoothly by mail, online, email or telephone. Meetings were successfully held by teleconference. Since the order was lifted, residents have continued to wear face coverings when they come to the Town Office to transact business or attend meetings. Voting for the primary and general elections went smoothly with staff and voters wearing masks and social distancing. We thank the residents of Newbury for following the public health guidelines and limiting the spread of Covid-19.



## Library Happening's

In light of the significant rise in COVID cases in our area and the prediction of spikes during the holiday season, we have decided to take a step back, **closing the building to the public** and moving to contactless services from November 28th through New Year's week. We know the situation is not ideal and will continue to monitor the cases in the area and re-evaluate as needed.

Staff will continue to be in the building for no-contact services including porch pick-up, reference services, InterLibrary Loans and no-contact Home Delivery. **Our porch pick-up hours are Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturdays from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.** To request either a specific title/titles, or to get recommendations for reads, give us a call at 763-5803.

We also have digital services available from two digital libraries, Hoopla and Overdrive. Overdrive is a digital library of e-books and audiobooks, available to download to phones or tablets, or to access from a computer browser. Hoopla is a similar service, but also gives access to a selection of movies or TV episodes. Contact us for more information on how to access both.

We always have WIFI available to the public, and patrons can access it from their cars. Call us for the password if needed. We can also assist in contactless printing, scanning and faxing.

There are several virtual offerings from us, including read-alouds for children, and we also have program bags for children, teens and adults. These can be requested through porch pick-up and more information on these can be found on Facebook or our website at <http://www.newburynhlibrary.net> .

Follow us on Facebook or Instagram for updates!

~December Program Bags at the Library ~

Take & Make Bags for Pre-school and grades 1-5: are available for pick up. Bags are filled with fun facts, activities and crafts about the December Holidays! Stop in, grab your bag and start creating!

Take It, Make It & Give It Bags for Grades 6-12: Stop by pick out your "Give It Bag." Bags contain a DIY gift-giving craft, a movie (could be Christmas or a family classic) and a bag of popcorn.

For Adults: Stop by and grab a craft bag for December. Pick up an ornament kit and try your hand at three different ideas! Make it to keep or give away as a gift!

## Assessing Office December 2020

The Assessing Office has started to ramp up preparations for the 2021 Revaluation required per the State of New Hampshire Constitution, which requires all municipalities to revalue at least once every five years. This means bringing all property to fair market value as of April 1, 2021. The last Revaluation was performed in 2016.

We have been out to visit sale properties that transferred over the last 18 months, to verify exterior measurements, outbuildings, and exterior condition of the property. We will continue to visit sales that occur going forth. No interior inspections will be done until Covid-19 is controlled.



A Revaluation takes into consideration all arm's length transactions that have occurred and then applying like factors to all non-sold properties. Additionally, we look at current construction costs and land sales to make adjustments to those schedules in the assessment software model. An acceptable measure of equity is to be between 90-110% of market value per State Statute. Currently Newbury is hovering at approximately 80% overall.

Newbury will also be converting their Assessing software to a New Hampshire based Software company, Avitar. Newbury is the last of the three towns to make the conversion (Three towns make up the Tri Town Assessing collaborative, consisting of New London, Newbury, and Sunapee). New values resulting from the Revaluation will be issued using Avitar.

### Current Use Landowners

A reminder to those that have land enrolled in Current Use. In order to qualify for current use assessment, you must own at least 10 acres of undeveloped land. The land must remain in its natural state (unless logged) no structures of any kind can be placed on this land, including elaborate treehouses. Nor can the land be groomed as an extension of your "yard". Sadly, much land is becoming "posted" – if you own current use land and you posted the property, you cannot receive the additional 20% Recreational Credit, please notify us.

### See Something – Say Something

All our property data is online at the Town Website, including your property record card (top right-hand corner of the property card is when the data was updated). **Building Permits are required in Newbury.** If you do not see a building permit posted at a property doing work, whether it is a new shed, garage, house, etc., please inquire with the town. Building permits are also visible on the property record cards, unless it was just issued and the card has not been updated.

Kristen M. McAllister-Chief Assessor

# Newbury Energy Committee

Newbury Energy Committee is a new Selectboard approved town committee. The intent of the committee is to advise and support our town in its commitment to reducing energy usage and to the stewardship of the shared resources within the region. Eight members met on November 16, 2020 and an audit of the town energy use will be one of our first projects.

The committee also plans to offer educational programs for the community on ways to save energy at home and care for our natural resources and environment. Check out NHSaves.com in December for information on new Weatherizing Rebate programs. A virtual DIY Weatherizing program is to be held December 9 at 7:00 p.m. (See flyer below for registration information)

Newbury Energy Committee welcomes input from the community, please contact Lisa Correa at [C.lisa7716@gmail.com](mailto:C.lisa7716@gmail.com) for any suggestions or ideas.

HANOVER

# Advanced Home Energy Workshop

**FREE** Workshop

## Improving the energy efficiency of your home.



**NHSaves** Button Up 201 is an advanced home energy efficiency workshop that builds on the introductory **Button Up**. During this 1½ hour presentation, participants will learn:

- Diagnostic techniques to sleuth for heat loss
- Basic and advanced air sealing techniques
- DIY and professional retrofit insulation techniques
- When to involve an energy professional
- **NHSaves** weatherization programs

Aimed at homeowners interested in building envelope weatherization, **Button Up 201** gets into the nuts and bolts of making your home more comfortable, energy efficient and durable during NH's long winters.

**WHEN NEW HAMPSHIRE SAVES, we all win.**



NHSaves.com

**PRESENTATION:**  
Join us for a **NHSaves** Advanced Virtual Button Up 201 Workshop on **zoom** with live Question and Answers.

**WHEN:**  
Wednesday, December 9, 2020  
7:00 P.M.–8:30 P.M.

**PRESENTER:**  
Andy Duncan, Energy Training Manager,  
Lakes Region Community College

**HOW, EMAIL:**  
Barbara Callaway: [bcallaway65@gmail.com](mailto:bcallaway65@gmail.com)  
for Zoom link and questions

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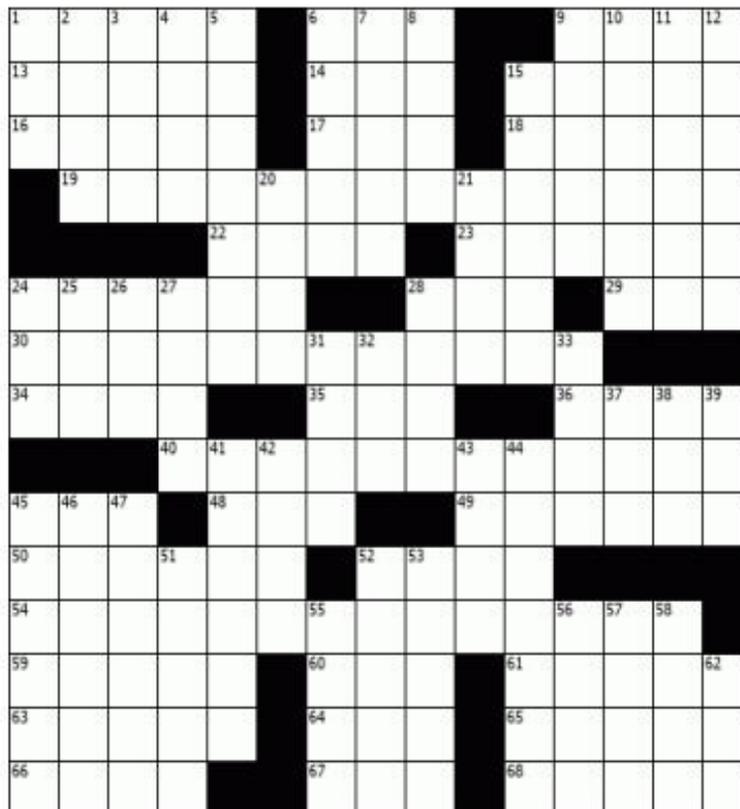
Visit [www.nhsaves.com/events](http://www.nhsaves.com/events) for dates and locations of all Button Ups.  
Workshops are organized by Plymouth Area Renewable Energy Initiative, (PAREI)  
[www.PlymouthEnergy.org](http://www.PlymouthEnergy.org) • 603-536-5030

The workshops are FREE thanks to funding provided by



**Across**

1. One-person boat
6. A little short, as of money
9. \_\_-a-brac
13. Prefix with Saxon
14. Stocking stuffer?
15. \_\_ one-eighty: turns around
16. Beau
17. Work unit
18. "Here's \_\_ your eye"
19. Winner's privilege
22. Actress Skye
23. Where charity begins
24. "Valley of the Dolls" author
28. Bruin great
29. Driver's helper
30. Road engineer's job
34. Author Quindlen
35. Fill with wonder
36. China opener
40. Metaphor for annoying repetition
45. Furthermore
48. Be in debt
49. Reluctant
50. Clara of the Red Cross
52. New Mexico native
54. Third baseman who won 16 consecutive Gold Gloves, 1960-75
59. Boredom
60. Game with Skip and Reverse cards
61. Star, for short
63. Blockade
64. Sargasso, for one
65. Like a beaver?
66. Window part
67. FDR successor
68. Quarterback Bart

**Down**

1. Adage
2. It'll open doors for you
3. Dr. Frankenstein's helper
4. Bug on a dog
5. Signing illegally
6. Pub glass
7. Mezzo Marilyn
8. Safecracker
9. "When the \_\_ breaks, the baby ..."
10. Really popular
11. "Am I the only one who thinks this way?"
12. Removes the blindfold, say
15. Composer Shostakovich
20. Out of the ballpark
21. \_\_ avis
24. Mom and pop financing gp.
25. Large vase
26. Moral wrong
27. Very little
28. Overt
31. Gardener's tool
32. Meadow mother
33. Wedding shower
37. Neither's partner
38. AMA members
39. Lyric poem
41. Tyro
42. Possesses
43. Rajah's wife
44. Shows clearly
45. Convent leader
46. Land chronicled by C.S. Lewis
47. Hive residents
51. Rowdyish
52. Time divisions
53. WWII sub
55. Fraternity event
56. Resting place
57. Gymnast Korbut
58. Not e'en once
62. "I'm freezing!" and a hint to this puzzle's theme

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Happy Holidays to All  
Happy New Year - Welcome 2021