

E. KINGSTON EDITION

Happy and healthy New Year to you and yours!



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Welcoming New Members!

by the East Kingston Historical Society

The East Kingston Historical Society is welcoming new members. We hope to see new faces at our next meeting on January 17th, 2022! We will be meeting at the Pound School at 7pm. Any changes to the scheduling or location will be sent out via email.

Do you have any historic East Kingston artifacts, stories, or documents? Please share them with us! We'd love to be able to help preserve them for future generations to enjoy. You can bring them to our next meeting, or send us an email!

If you'd like to share information, or to be added to our email list, please contact us at ekhistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

Friends of the East Kingston Public Library

by the FoEKPL

2022 Membership Drive is wrapping up but there is still time!

We kicked off our 2022 Friends Membership Drive at the end of November. This is our most important fundraising period. The support we receive during this drive allows us to budget and plan for the year ahead with confidence that we can continue to support the library's ability to offer the kinds of programming and opportunities that we hope helps to enrich the lives of our community.

If you do not receive an email or letter from us regarding the drive, please reach out at the email below, or inquire at the library!

2022 Meeting Dates – Please mark your calendars!

We would love to have you join us at our upcoming meetings. They are held at the E.K. Public Library and begin at 7pm.

- Thursday January 20th, 2022: Q4 2021 & Annual Meeting
- Thursday April 21st, 2022: Q1 2022 Meeting
- Thursday July 22nd, 2022: Q2 2022 Meeting
- Thursday October 20th, 2022: Q3 2022 Meeting

Board elections occur at our Annual Meeting, and we still have three positions open – Secretary, Fundraising Director, and Social Media Director. If you have any questions or would like more information, please email the Friends at friendsofekpl@gmail.com.

As always, thank you for your support!

Solid Waste/Recycling Committee

by Ron Morales, Chairman

The Solid Waste Removal & Recycle Committee will meet at 4PM at the Pound School Used Book Store on the following dates:	January 19, 2022
	April 20, 2022
	July 20, 2022
	October 19, 2022

These meetings are public and anyone may attend. If you want to meet with the committee to discuss a concern or to make recommendations, you must first contact the chairman Ron Morales at ronmornh@comcast.net or 603-642-8623 to get on the agenda.

East Kingston Edition

Town of East Kingston
www.eknh.org

Town Clerk & Tax Collector

(603) 642-8794
Monday: 8am - 5pm
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:
8am - 2:30pm
Wednesday: 6pm - 8pm

Town Administration

(603) 642-8406
Monday: 8am - 4pm
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:
8am - 2:30pm
Wednesday: 10am - 2pm

East Kingston Police

Emergency: 911
Non-Emergency: (603) 642-5427

East Kingston Fire

ekfd.org
Emergency: 911
Non-Emergency: (603) 642-3141

East Kingston Public Library

eastkingstonlibrary.org
(603) 642-8333
ekpublib@comcast.net
Monday & Wednesday:
9am - 5pm
Tuesday & Thursday:
11am - 7pm
Friday & Saturday:
9am - 1pm

E. Kingston Elementary School

(603) 642-3511
EKES on the web: eks.sau16.org
SAU16 on the web: sau16.org

Newsletter Deadlines

Submissions for the following month must be submitted by the 17th of each month. Send submissions to newsletter@eastkingstonnh.gov

Please be aware that the pandemic may affect normal business hours. It may be best to call before attempting a visit.

East Kingston School Board Meeting

by Jen Ranz, E.K. School Board member

The School Board is in the midst of budget season! The process for setting next year's FY23 school budget began in June 2021 with planning and prioritizing needs for our school and students. The Board typically reviews the first draft of the budget in October or November, then schedules a work session (to be held in public) to review details, ask questions, and consider updates and adjustments.

On January 12, town residents will have an opportunity to provide input during a public hearing, and take action on moving the budget forward during a deliberative session on February 5. The draft budget is posted online (easiest to access directly on the EKES website). As always, please feel free to reach out to EK school board members anytime with questions or input. Thank you for your support!

All meetings to be held at EKES

Wednesday, January 5 at 4 p.m. -- School Board Budget Workshop

Wednesday, January 12 at 5:30 p.m. -- School Board Budget Public Hearing & Regular Meeting (to follow)

Saturday, February 5 at 1 p.m. -- School Board Deliberative Session

Voting Day -- Tuesday, March 8

Plastic Recycling at the Library!

by Tracy Waldron, Library Director

The Library is embarking on a plastic/film recycling challenge sponsored by Trex! Starting January 1 and ending June 30, the library will try to collect 500 pounds, or 40,500 plastic film and bags. We will have three different collection boxes stationed around town, soon to be announced. This program is to help remove some of the excess waste from your trash bins, as well as keeping these light plastics out of our soils and our oceans.

At the end of our six month collection window, if we succeed in our goals, we will get a Trex bench, made entirely out of the recycled plastics from the program! It's a win-win situation for all of us!

What can be recycled?

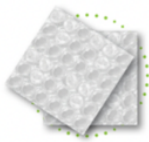
All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.



Grocery bags



Bread bags



Bubble wrap



Dry cleaning bags



Newspaper sleeves



Ice bags



Plastic shipping envelopes



Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags



Cereal bags



Case overwrap



Salt bags



Pallet wrap & stretch film



Wood pellet bags



Produce bags

East Kingston Police Department Staff Spotlight: Charles Rodolakis, Master Patrol Officer

by EK EDITION staff

Charles (Chuck) grew up in Chicopee, Massachusetts. After high school, he joined the army and was part of the 82nd Airborne Division where he deployed to Haiti and Egypt.

After his honorable discharge, he spent time working as an auto mechanic, but soon answered a higher calling for himself. He joined the 161st class of the New Hampshire Police Academy in Concord and graduated as a Full-Time Officer in 2013. He first worked as a police officer in the town of Hampton, NH. Chuck came to the East Kingston Police Department beginning as a part-time police officer.

Chuck has served the residents of East Kingston for nine years. He started as a full-time office in East Kingston in 2013 and recently attained the rank of Master Patrol Office in 2021, making him the third ranking member in the department.

“I have enjoyed my time serving the people of East Kingston. It’s a very tight knit community that appreciates and supports the EKPD,” he said. “It means a lot, and I appreciate helping the people here.”

In his personal time, he spends time hiking in the New Hampshire north country. He currently lives in Amesbury, MA, and is raising two boys – 4 and 2 years old. When he’s not working to restore an old farmhouse in Amesbury, you can find one of the many bike trails in Salisbury, MA or Exeter, NH.

Master Patrol Officer Rodolakis with his dog Nacho.



Library Staff, Diane Sheckells, Retires

by EKPL Staff

After over 20 years working for the East Kingston Public Library, Diane is retiring!

Diane started at the East Kingston Public Library in 1999 working in the Pound School with Tracy. She worked her library job alongside her art teaching job at the Barnard School in South Hampton.

Over the years, Diane has put together amazing programs focused around art for all ages. Zoe remembers when they made t-shirts with leaves and bleach in the driveway of the Pound School for summer reading in the early 2000's. She still has the shirt! Heather said one of her favorite memories of the Pound School was when Diane and Tracy greeted her behind the desk ready to help with whatever she needed.

Diane created the most beautiful displays. Try as all the rest of the staff might, they could never make as beautiful as Diane did. Diane has hosted programs like Shibori tie dye, barn quilt paintings, and sewing classes. She has taught both children and adults quilting techniques for all levels. Over the years, she created her beautiful quilts for the Friend's Quilt Raffle. She was also adept at finding amazing artists to display their art collections. Since COVID-19 struck, Diane has been working on an East Kingston history project, talking to homeowners and writing histories of the oldest buildings in town, as well as cataloging and categorizing all of our oldest documents.

Diane has been instrumental in the function and growth of our town library. She will be greatly missed and we wish her the best in her future endeavors! Happy retirement, Diane!

Happy Retirement



*Thank!
You!*

PUBLIC NOTICE!

CONSERVATION COMMISSION SPONSORING BARRY SUMMER CAMP

by the East Kingston Conservation Commission

Once again this summer, the East Kingston Conservation Commission will sponsor up to three interested young people for Barry Conservation Camp in the White Mountain National Forest. Applicants must be 10-16 years old (must have completed grade 5), residents of East Kingston and first-time campers.

Interested parents should apply on or before January 17, 2022 to Dennis Quintal, Chair of the East Kingston Conservation Commission, at (603) 382-7650, with the session and gender of the camper. Parents are asked to furnish a \$150.00 nonrefundable deposit at the time of the application registration; the balance of the tuition will be paid by the East Kingston Conservation Commission.

Operated by the UNH Cooperative Extension 4-H Program in cooperation with the NH Fish and Game Department, the Camp provides a small close-knit community for its 40 campers and 11 staff. Small, cozy cabins house 7 campers and a counselor. Hands-on experience is the rule. Campers are grouped by age and gender and have access to modern central toilets, shower facilities and a beautiful dining hall complete with a great kitchen which produces legendary meals.

Each week has a theme along with traditional camp activities such as swimming, hiking, campfire, canoeing, skits, fishing, archery and more. The 2022 sessions are as follows:

- 4-H Shooting Sports - June 19-24, for Ages 10-16
- Fish Camp - June 26-July 1, for Ages 10-16
- Mini-Camp - July 5-8, for Ages 8-12
- 4-H on the Wild Side - July 10-15, for Ages 10-16
- Hunter Education - July 17-22, for Ages 12-16
- North Country Adventure - July 24-29, for Ages 12-16
- NEW 4-H Shooting Sports - July 31-Aug. 5, for Ages 14-17
- Junior Conservation Officer Camp - August 7-10, for Ages 14 -17

For more information and the various sessions, go to extension.unh.edu/new-hampshire-4-h/barry-conservation-4-h-camp



Important Dates

- **January 10th @ 5:00pm - East Kingston Conservation Commission**
 - In-Person with Zoom Option. Meeting will be held at the town offices. More information can be found at eknh.org/conservation-commission.
- **January 10th @ 6:30pm - Selectmen's Meeting**
 - In-Person with Zoom Option. Meetings will be held at the Town offices. The agenda, Zoom link, and more can be found on eknh.org/selectmen.
- **January 12th @ 5:30pm - E.K. School Board Meeting**
 - In-Person with Zoom Option. Meetings will be held at the East Kingston Elementary School. The Agenda, Zoom link and more can be found at www.sau16.org/en-US/board-info-ceedfbec/east-kingston-a080f4ca.
- **January 17th @ 7:00pm - EK Historical Society Meeting**
 - In-Person at the Town Offices or the Pound School. Email EKhistoricalsociety@gmail.com for more.
- **January 18th @ 6:30pm - Selectmen's Meeting**
 - Public Budget Hearing
- **January 19th @ 4pm - Solid Waste Removal / Recycle Committee**
 - In-Person at the Pound School. Visit www.eknh.org/solid-wasterecycling for more.
- **January 20th @ 7pm - Friends of the East Kingston Public Library**
 - In Person with Zoom Option. Meetings will be held at the EK Public Library. The agenda, Zoom link, and more can be found at www.eastkingstonlibrary.org/friends-of-ekpl
- **January 24th @ 7pm - East Kingston Public Library Board of Trustees**
 - In Person with Zoom Option. Meetings will be held at the EK Public Library. The agenda, Zoom link, and more can be found at www.eastkingstonlibrary.org
- **January 31st @ 6:30pm - Selectmen's Meeting**
 - In-Person with Zoom Option. Meetings will be held at the Town offices. The agenda, Zoom link, and more can be found on eknh.org/selectmen.