

# E. KINGSTON EDITION

"Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us." — Hal Borland



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## **Thank You, Chief LePage!**

*by Cheri Chaisson, EKPD Admin Assistant*

On December 31, 2023, Chief LePage is retiring. Chief LePage has been a dedicated Law Enforcement officer over the past 25 years, we are sad to see him leave, but wish him well and happiness on his future endeavors. He has been a great resource to the community and officers throughout the County for many, many years and for that we are grateful.

You can read the Selectmen's press release below. If you see Chief LePage out and about in the next few weeks, be sure to send him all your well wishes!

# Look Ahead to 2024

2024 is just around the corner! Here's a quick look at what's happening around town (and in NH) in the next couple of months!

- **January 8** - EKES Budget Hearing @ EKES
- **January 11** - SAU16 Budget Hearing @ EHS
- **January 15** - EK Budget Hearing @ the Pound School
- **January 23** - Presidential Primary in NH @ EKES
- **January 24 through February 2** - Filing Period for Town Positions:
  - Selectman, 3 yr. term (1)
  - Moderator, 2 yr. term (1)
  - Trustee of the Cemetery, 3 yr. term (1)
  - Trustee of the Public Library, 2 yr. term (1)
  - Trustee of the Public Library, 3 yr. term (2)
  - Road Agent, 3 yr. term (1)
  - Supervisor of the Checklist, 6 yr. term (1)
  - Trustee of the Trust Fund, 3 yr. term (1)
- **February 3** - Town Deliberative Session @ EKES
  - School: 8am - 10am
  - Town: 10am - 12pm
- **February 8** - SAU16 Deliberative Session @ EHS
- **March 12** - Town Voting (Budget, Warrant Articles and Town Positions) & SAU16 Voting @ EKES

**\*\*Please Note: Date, time and location are subject to change. Please visit [eknh.org](http://eknh.org) or [sau16.org](http://sau16.org) for up to date information.\*\***

## East Kingston Edition

Town of East Kingston  
[www.eknh.org](http://www.eknh.org)

### Town Clerk & Tax Collector

(603) 642-8406 x2

Monday: 8am - 5pm

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:

8am - 2:30pm

Wednesday: 5pm - 7pm

### Town Administration

(603) 642-8406 x1

Monday: 8am - 4pm

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:

8am - 2:30pm

Wednesday: 11am - 7pm

### East Kingston Police

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: (603) 642-5427

### East Kingston Fire

[ekfd.org](http://ekfd.org)

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: (603) 642-3141

### East Kingston Public Library

[eastkingstonlibrary.org](http://eastkingstonlibrary.org)

(603) 642-8333

[ekpublib@comcast.net](mailto: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](http://eks.sau16.org)

SAU16 on the web: [sau16.org](http://sau16.org)

### Newsletter Deadlines

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

[newsletter@eastkingstonnh.gov](mailto:newsletter@eastkingstonnh.gov)



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
**TOWN OF EAST KINGSTON**

24 DEPOT ROAD, EAST KINGSTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
603-642-8406 [www.eknh.org](http://www.eknh.org)

**PRESS RELEASE**

For Immediate Release  
November 14, 2023

The East Kingston Board of Selectmen would like to announce that after nearly 25 years of service in New Hampshire law enforcement the acceptance of retirement of our Police Chief, Michael LePage, effective December 31, 2023.

Chief LePage began his career in law enforcement as a dispatcher with the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department, rising through the ranks serving with the Nottingham, Kingston and Danville departments to become Chief in East Kingston in 2018. Selectboard chairman, Robert Caron had this to say:

"On behalf of the board, I would like to congratulate Chief LePage on his well-deserved retirement and thank him for his dedicated service to all the residents of East Kingston. Chief LePage has served with professionalism, care and integrity and has left his mark on the department with the improved morale and comradery. Under his guidance there have been many advancements in technology including speed control signs and body worn cameras. His leadership will leave the Town with a highly regarded and respected department for the future."

Upon the recommendation of Chief LePage, with the support of the entire department and Town staff, the Select Board has promoted Lieutenant Clayton Jervis to the position of Police Chief effective January 1, 2024. Lt. Jervis has served this community for 16 years with the utmost character, compassion, and fairness. He holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, is a graduate of the FBI-LEEDA leadership trilogy. The Town is fortunate to have him as the next Chief of Police.

The East Kingston Board of Selectmen:

Robert A. Caron  
Robert L. Nigrello  
Joseph M. Cacciatore



**Thank You, Chief LePage**

# December at the Library

by Zoe Sucu, Library Director

'Tis the season for giving in East Kingston. Our annual Giving tree has gone up and the tags have all been hung. Like always, we have two different tags to choose from (while they last). The first is for Rockingham Meals on Wheels. These tags help the elderly or homebound citizens of Rockingham County. The second set of gift tags are for residents of East Kingston who need just a little boost this holiday season. We are also a collection point for supplies for homeless vets of NH, MA and ME. We are collecting knitted hats, gloves and toiletries.



One last holiday season reminder: The National Wreaths Across America day is Saturday, December 16th. The ceremony will be held out by the memorial stone at the Library promptly at 12pm noon on December 16th.

We have just a few more programs for the month of December to close out the 2023 year. While we're taking a holiday hiatus on book club, we will still have Story Hour every Monday and Friday at 10am.

On December 14th at 7pm, we have Pop Up Art School returning to teach a multi-generational class on how to felt a frog in an embroidery hoop. Sign up is required and space is limited. This class is open to anyone over the age of 8 years.

Lastly, we have two Sphero Indie Car programs scheduled. The normal preschool group will still happen on the third Monday, December 18th at 10am. We are also adding a group for all ages on Thursday, December 28th, also at 10am.



ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. NO FEES! SPACE IS LIMITED. 12/14/23 AGES 8+ 7PM EAST KINGSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



When you donate to WAA, with each sponsorship, a wreath is placed on the grave of a fallen U.S. veteran. 2023 National Wreaths Across America Day: Saturday, December 16th at noon. There are organized local ceremonies, events, etc. to participate in.

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**CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION**

**PUBLIC NOTICE!**  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION SPONSORING  
BARRY CONSERVATION SUMMER CAMP 2024**

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 8-16 years old, residents of East Kingston and first-time campers.

To reserve a spot, interested parents should apply on or before January 8, 2024 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 2024 sessions are as follows:

- 4-H Shooting Sports - June 23-28, for Ages 10-16
- Mini-Camp - June 30 - July 3, for Ages 8-12
- Fish Camp - July 7-12, for Ages 10-16
- 4-H on the Wild Side - July 14-19, for Ages 10-16
- Hunter Education - July 21-26, for Ages 12-16
- North Country Adventure - July 28-Aug 2, for Ages 12-16
- Junior Conservation Officer Camp - August 4-7, for Ages 14-17

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



## FoEKPL News

by Friends of East Kingston Public Library

**Happy Holidays!** We hope to see you and your family at the **Friend's Holiday Social on December 2nd**. There will be all kinds of festive fun, and the kids won't want to miss a visit from Santa at **2:30p**. Come meet the Friends and Trustees and enjoy some holiday treats as well as some great raffles and kids crafts.

December is a great time to prepare for the chilly winter days, holidays, and vacations by stopping by the **USB (Used Book Store) at the Pound School** Fridays 10-5 & Saturdays 10-1. And if you need a gift idea for family or friends, a bag of books is a great one!

**December specials** include:

- 50% off sale continued!
- Christmas at the UBS! (vinyl records, novels, cookbooks, craft & children's books)
- Comic books
- **Kids Saturday** on Dec 30th - extended hours **10-2:30p**

Save the date of **Tuesday, January 30th at 5:00p** for the **Friends Annual Meeting**. Our agenda will include discussing two upcoming open positions on our board. If anyone is interested, details for each position are below please plan on attending the meeting.



**Secretary:** The Secretary shall be responsible for the complete and proper record-keeping of the corporation. Official record-keeping may be stored electronically.

- The Secretary shall record attendance, take the minutes of all meetings, and maintain a file of meeting minutes for reference at future meetings.
- The Secretary shall conduct necessary correspondence for the corporation and maintain a file of all such correspondence.
- The Secretary shall keep a list of the membership together with addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses, and shall notify the members of the time and place of meetings.
- In the absence of the President, the Secretary shall call the meeting to order and shall ask for a nomination of a member to run the meeting.

**President:** The President shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation, responsible for leading the organization in fulfillment of its primary objectives. The President shall represent the corporation to the public and to the Library.

- The President shall facilitate all meetings for the membership.
- The President shall serve as the primary channel of communication with the library director and the library trustees.
- The President shall facilitate the appointment of committees and ensure that the goals and purposes of the membership are realized.
- The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.
- The President shall have the power to pursue resources, pending ratification by the membership.
- In the absence of the Treasurer, the President shall have the authority to collect, safe-keep, and disburse all funds and assets.

### 2024 Friends Membership Drive

The Friends Membership Drive is our most important fundraising period. If you have already sent in your 2023 Membership donation -THANK YOU! If not, please consider renewing, or joining us, for 2024. Current FoEKPL have been sent renewal forms. New members: please stop in at the library for a membership form or email us at [friendsofekpl@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofekpl@gmail.com) for more information.

As always, thank you for your support! Please follow our Facebook Page "Friends of East Kingston Public Library", visit our [webpage](#) or email us at [friendsofekpl@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofekpl@gmail.com) for more information.

## Important Dates

- **December 11th @ 5:00pm - East Kingston Conservation Commission**
  - In-Person. Meetings will be held at the Town Offices. More information can be found at [www.eknh.org/conservation-commission](http://www.eknh.org/conservation-commission).
- **December 11th @ 5:30pm - East Kingston School Board**
- In-Person. Meetings are held at the East Kingston Elementary School, in the library. More information can be found at [www.eks.sau16.org](http://www.eks.sau16.org).
- **December 11th @ 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](http://eknh.org/selectmen).
- **December 21st @ 6:30pm - Planning Board Meeting**
  - In Person. This particular meeting will be held at the East Kingston Elementary School. More information can be found at [www.eknh.org/planning-board](http://www.eknh.org/planning-board).
- **December 27th @ 6:30pm - Selectmen's Meeting - WEDNESDAY**
  - 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](http://eknh.org/selectmen).

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