

E. KINGSTON EDITION

"Where flowers bloom so does hope." – Lady Bird Johnson



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Growing together

by Zoe Sucu, Library Staff

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, a handful of East Kingston students, faculty, and residents have gotten together to create this amazing Growing Together project. The main goal of the Growing Together project is to bring beauty back to East Kingston and make E.K. residents smile.

You can now officially see the results of this project beginning to grow. You will find barrels of flowers at the town offices, an assortment of plants under the flag pole, and in the window boxes of the Pound School, and both veggies and flowers starting to break the surface in the library's new raised beds.

We'd like to extend a big THANK YOU to all those who took part in making this come to fruition. We'd also like to give a special thank you to the Dervan family for going above and beyond anything we imagined.

Town Clerk Information

By Barbara Clark, Town Clerk

The 2021 dog license tags are now available. We presently have over 200 unlicensed dogs. As required by RSA 466:1, all dogs must be licensed each year by April 30th. A current rabies vaccination is required for licensing.

If you no longer have the dog, please contact our office so that we can remove you from the list. If you have not licensed your dog(s) by June 1, you will be subject to monthly late fees and Civil Forfeiture fees.

2021 1st half tax bills will be mailed no later than May 21, 2021 with a due date of July 1, 2021.

June 18, 2021 is the lien date for 2020 outstanding taxes.

May Voting Results

Town Results:

Selectman: Rob Caron

Road Agent: Mark Brinkerhoff

Trustee of the Library: Sandra Courchesne & Robert Minicucci

Trustee of the Cemetery: Stephen McMillan

Trustee of the Trust Fund: Edward "Ted" Lloyd

Supervisor of the Checklist: Dawn Mierswa

All warrant articles passed.

School Results:

School Board Member: Andrew E. Herum

School District Moderator: Peter Dervan, Jr.

School District Treasurer: Thomas Larson

School District Clerk: Jamie Saucier

All warrant articles passed.

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

By Appointment

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 - 3pm

Tuesday & Thursday:

3pm - 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.

EKPL Summer Reading Program

Tails and Tales

by Zoe Sucu, Library Staff

Summer is right around the corner! Every year, the library hosts a summer reading program helps bridge the learning gap between the end of school and the start. Our theme this year is Tails and Tales, and will feature animals from all over the world and the stories they tell.



Summer Reading begins on June 21st and will continue through August 7th. The summer reading program will be a mix of passive take and makes, virtual events, and outdoor in-person events. Everything is available on the website and in the library.

How do you sign up?

Easy! You can stop in at the library any time on/after June 21st, or head over to the library website and choose Summer Reading from the menu on the left. It will guide you on how to sign up virtually!

Tails & TALES
EKPL SUMMER 2021

Animal Adoption KICK OFF

Adopt your new reading buddy!

Drop in and grab all your summer reading supplies and adopt your summer reading buddy!

This program will be held outside in the library parking lot and is drop-in at any time between 11am and 1pm. Masks and social distancing will be enforced. The rain date will be Wednesday, June 23 at the same time.

JUNE 21
11AM - 1PM

East Kingston Public Library
47 Maplevale Rd East Kingston, NH
eastkingstonlibrary.org | 603-642-8333 | ekplsummer@gmail.com

Our kick off will be an animal adoption event! Drop in any time between 11am and 1pm on June 21st, pick up your summer reading supply bag and adopt your new (stuffed) best friend!

We hope you join us!

Visit

eastkingstonlibrary.org/summer-reading

for all summer reading information!

Have any questions?

Email Zoe at ekplsummer@gmail.com

Tails and Tales Sponsored by the friends of the East Kingston Public Library

East Kingston Police Department Staff Spotlight: Sergeant Clayton Jervis

by Chief LePage

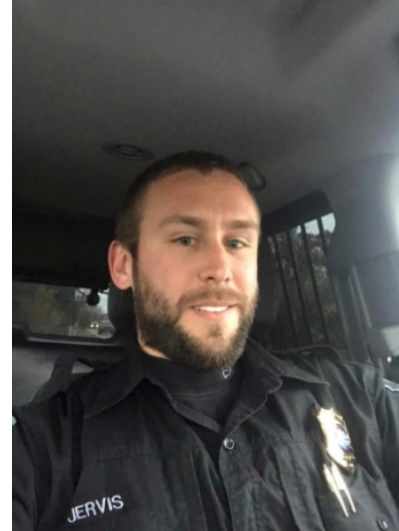
Sergeant Clayton Jervis

In our first edition of the East Kingston Police Department staff spotlight, we recognize Sergeant Clayton Jervis. Clayton grew up in Danville, New Hampshire and graduated from Timberlane High School in Plaistow. After high school, Clayton continued his education at Hesser College in Manchester receiving a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

Clayton started his law enforcement career in 2007 with the New Hampshire Marine Patrol where he served as a part-time patrol officer. He came to the East Kingston Police Department in November of 2007 where he began here as a part-time police officer. In October of 2010, a vacancy within the department saw him become one of East Kingston's full-time police officers. Clayton graduated from the 154th full-time police academy held in Concord in April of 2011.

In December 2013, Clayton began his rise into the leadership role within the department that he holds today when he was promoted to master patrol officer. He was promoted again to Corporal in late 2014. He was promoted again in 2020 to Sergeant. He currently serves as the second-in-command under the Chief and handles a variety of administrative and operational tasks. Clayton holds many certifications and instructorships throughout his service. In total, Clayton has served the residents of East Kingston for fourteen years.

Clayton's leadership role and years of institutional knowledge of the town help to mold the new officers we have here working the street. He is thorough and detail-oriented with a keen sense of the laws, rules, and policies that makes him a real asset to the department and our townspeople. In his personal time, he is an avid outdoorsman who spends a lot of his time hiking in the north country of New Hampshire. He currently lives in Kingston with his adorable black lab hiking partner.



Pollinators 101 Online Program on June 22

by East Kingston Conservation Commission

National Pollinator Week is June 21-27! How will you celebrate? On Tuesday, June 22 at 6pm, you are invited to join Pollinators 101, an online program where you'll learn about:

- NH's "super seven" pollinators
- The benefits they provide (hint: chocolate, coffee, blueberries).
- How we can help pollinators in our own yards.

Please call the East Kingston Library at (603) 642-8333 to register. The Zoom link will be emailed the night before the program.

Presenter Vicki J. Brown is an East Kingston Conservation Commission Member, a NH Natural Resources Steward, and a co-founder of Pollinator Pathways NH. Free and open to the public, the program is co-sponsored by the East Kingston Conservation Commission, Pollinator Pathways NH, and the East Kingston Public Library. Find more ways to celebrate pollinators at www.pollinator.org/pollinator-week.



Controlling Invasive Plants

by East Kingston Conservation Commission

In last month's newsletter we discussed a few invasive plant types and how "prevention" is the best method of control. In reality, we know that we are often beyond the point of prevention and are now faced with management, removal and control issues. This is an extensive topic and you will find more information about invasive plants from the East Kingston Conservation Commission, U.S. Forest Service, and UNH Extension. However, let's look at a few of the more common challenges we find in our area.

What can you do?

How do you control or eradicate invasive plants?

For example, take garlic mustard, which has a biennial life history: every year some seeds germinate and give rise to juvenile plants and after at least one year, maybe two, the juvenile plants bolt, produce flowers and fruits, and then they die. Obviously, for control purposes, you'd like to kill this plant before it reproduces, but juvenile plants are small and difficult to remove. Reproductive plants are easy to pull so the strategy for control is to visit the population at flowering time before seeds have been produced and pull the plants, making sure to get all the root. Now, of course, there are still juvenile plants and dormant seeds on the site, so you have to keep coming back year after year until you exhaust the juvenile plants and the seed bank. This method of pulling plants is referred to as "mechanical." This method may also be used for perennial pepperweed, oriental bittersweet and others when the plants are smaller.

Proper disposal of removed invasive plant material is critical to the control process. Here are some listed in order of preference:

- Burn it—Make a brush pile and burn the material following local safety regulations
- Pile it—Make a pile of the woody debris (avoid placing seeds in piles!). This technique will provide shelter for wildlife as well
- Dry it/cook it—Place woody debris out on your driveway or in a doubled-up black trash bag and let it cook in the sun for one month
- Other mechanical methods of control include:
- Suffocation of small seedlings and herbaceous plants. Place double or triple layers of thick UV-stabilized plastic sheeting over the infestation and secure the plastic with stakes or weights.
- Cutting / mowing- This technique is best suited for locations you can visit and treat often. To be effective, you will need to mow or cut infested areas three or four times a year for up to five years. (Always research the particular plant you are trying to remove; some, like Japanese knotweed, will proliferate when mowed!)

Still other methods of invasive control include "biological" (introduction of a beetle that eats purple loosestrife plant is an example) and "chemical" (using herbicides). The methods will vary greatly depending on the species and the depth of the problem. Biological and chemical approaches are probably best suited to contractors familiar with the use and extensive regulations involved.

It is common, unfortunately, to have unrealistic goals when it comes to dealing with invasive plants; it's not always possible to completely eradicate these species. Have questions? Need help? Feel free to ask UNH Extension at answers@unh.edu. Or contact one of us on the Conservation Commission.

Once you remove invasive plants, plant native trees, shrubs, and perennials in their place. You'll be rewarded with a natural area that is beautiful, provides habitat for wildlife and supports biological diversity.

**Parts of this article have been adapted from the UNH Cooperative Extension.*



Friends of EKPL News

By FoEKPL

Garden Clean Up @ the Library

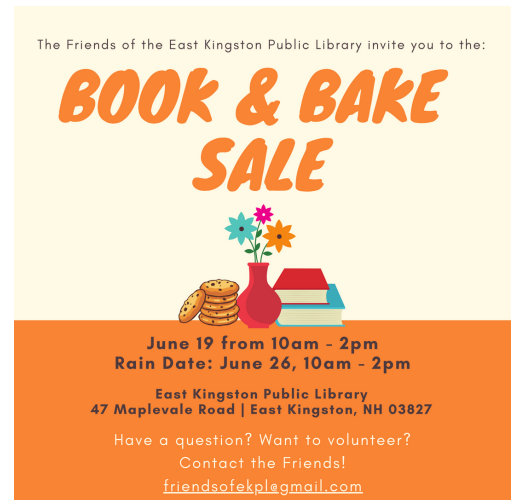
June 1st at 9am – The Friends invite you to help clean up the library garden and get it ready for summer! Fun fact – the garden is registered as a Pollinator Pathway! Mulch provided but please bring your own tools. All are welcome!

Summer Book & Bake Sale

June 19th from 10am to 2pm - Mark your calendar for our annual book and bake sale. We hope to see you there!

Rain date June 26

Would you like to volunteer to work the book sale? Please email the Friends at friendsofekpl@gmail.com.



Pound School Used Book Store

Visit us at the Used Book Store, located at 41 Depot Road, East Kingston, NH. We are staffed by local volunteers. All proceeds go directly to the Friends of the East Kingston Public Library. Donate a book and get a free book.

Bookmark our website to stay informed of our activities, including our Used Book Store sales.

www.eastkingstonlibrary.org/friends-of-ekpl

School Board Update

By EKES School Board

Thank you to everyone who came out to vote at the polls on May 11th to make your voice heard. We greatly appreciate the support shown for the school's operating budget for 2021-2022, the teachers' contract, and the additional warrant articles that will redistribute some monies from existing trust funds to better offset needs in the areas of maintenance and special education. This redistribution will result in an overall reduced tax impact for town residents.

The EK School Board would also like to extend a sincere thank you to our outgoing Board member, Jamie Saucier for his service. He has been a staunch advocate for our school, teachers, and students, and helped lead us through many extra challenges that arose over the past year (and an extra couple of months) during his time serving as Chair.

Finally, please welcome our newest Board member, Andy Herum, when you see him around town. Andy was elected on May 11th and sworn in during our May 12th meeting, beginning a three-year term.

As always, please feel free to get in touch with any of our Board members: Jennifer Ranz, jranz@sau16.org; Melissa Lyons, mlyons@sau16.org; and Andy Herum, aherum@sau16.org. Our next regular Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 16th via Zoom.

Remembering Ray Donald

On May 13th, 2021, East Kingston lost a long time resident and friend, Raymond "Ray" Donald. Ray served on the Board of Selectmen for fifteen years, and was the East Kingston's Building Inspector for another eight. He is survived by his wife of many years, his four children, eleven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. We'd like to extend our condolences to Ray's family and to anyone who may have known him.



Important Dates

- **June 14th @ 6:30pm - Selectmen's Meeting**
 - In-Person with Zoom Option. Meetings will be held at the Town offices. There is a mask recommendation for those attending in person. The agenda, Zoom link, and more can be found on eknh.org/selectmen.
- **June 14th @ 5pm - East Kingston Conservation Commission**
 - Via Zoom. Zoom link can be found at eknh.org/conservation-commission.
- **June 16th @ 5:30pm - East Kingston School Board Meeting**
 - Via Zoom. Zoom link can be found at eastkingstonschoolboard.org.
- **June 17th @ 7pm - Planning Board Meeting**
 - TBD. Please visit eknh.org/planning-board for updates.
- **June 28th @ 6:30pm - Selectmen's Meeting**
 - In-Person with Zoom Option. Meetings will be held at the Town offices. There is a mask recommendation for those attending in person. The agenda, Zoom link, and more can be found on eknh.org/selectmen.
- **June 28th @ 7pm - EKPL Board of Trustees Meeting**
 - Via Zoom. Link can be found at eastkingstonlibrary.org.