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All at once, summer collapsed into fall. -Oscar Wilde



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State Vaccine Van Will Visit on Sept. 4

by Ed Warren, Fire Chief

Fire Chief Ed Warren shares that the New Hampshire Mobile Vaccine Van will hold a clinic at the East Kingston Fire Station next month.

The Van is a partnership between the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services and ConvenientMD. It will stop at the station at 5 Main St. on Saturday, Sept. 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Vaccines are free, and proof of insurance is not required. The clinic offers the two-dose Moderna and Pfizer vaccines, and the single-dose Johnson & Johnson. Those who choose the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine will be given information about how they can obtain the follow-up dose.

The clinic is open to all 12 years of age or older. Parental consent is required for any child ages 12-17. No appointment is necessary.

“I encourage everyone to become vaccinated, to protect both themselves and the ones they love,” Chief Warren said.

“Thank you to the State of New Hampshire for bringing the van to East Kingston, and for making vaccinations convenient to our residents.”

EKPL Pandemic Update

by Tracy Waldron, Library Director

As Autumn approaches, we are reflecting on the last 18 months here at the library. We had to figure out different way to do our jobs and provide our community with the services that they were used to getting at the library.

There are things that will continue as the COVID-19 numbers rise in Rockingham County due to the Delta variant. We will continue to have Zoom story hours and a few outdoor story hours as the weather allows. Most of our programs will be on Zoom. We will return to wearing masks in the library for everyone, whether vaccinated or not. We do this for a number of reasons: For example, East Kingston has about 49% of people vaccinated. We know that there are people who come into the library who do not wear masks and are not vaccinated.

As members of the community we feel it's important to be part of a concerted effort to make sure that children can continue to go to a brick-and-mortar school. If numbers continue to rise, we fear that children will go back to virtual school and no one wants that. In order to do this, we need to keep all members of our community safe. So, having said that, please be kind and polite. No one likes to wear a mask, but maybe if we all do it, we can get through this pandemic faster. If you feel strongly about not wearing a mask, check out our webpage and catalog. We are happy to pull whatever you need and put it outside for pickup. Born out of Covid, curbside pick up is here to stay. If you can't get here before we close, give us a call and we will leave what you need out on the table.

Just a reminder as the kids head back to school. You can use your library card to access Brainfuse to get help with homework, create flashcards, practice standardized tests and interact with a live tutor. Check our website for more info at eastkingstonlibrary.org.

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.

FALL BULK WASTE & eWASTE/WHITE GOODS STICKER DISTRIBUTION AND SALES

by the Solid Waste Removal & Recycle Committee

The Town of East Kingston will have its Bulk Waste Fall pickup on **Monday, September 20, 2021**. The eWaste/White Goods pickup will be on **October 18, 2021**. Due to the COVID-19 Delta Variant, the process has changed from that stated in the 2021-2022 Waste Management Flyer. The Fall Bulk Waste sticker distribution and sales, and the eWaste/White Goods sticker sales will take place in the Town Offices parking lot on the following days and times:

Bulk Waste & eWaste/White Goods-

- Saturday, September 11, 2021, 10 AM to 1 PM
- Saturday, September 18, 2021, 10 AM to 1 PM



eWaste/White Goods-

- Saturday, October 9, 2021, 10 AM to 1 PM

In the event of rain, the sales will take place in the Town Offices 2nd floor hallway.

For Bulk Waste, each household is entitled to two (2) free stickers. Additional stickers may be purchased with either cash or check for \$20 each. No credit cards will be accepted. Items to be picked up must have a visible sticker attached. Every item must have a sticker or it will not be picked up. See the Waste Management Flyer you received for other details. No call to Waste Management is required for this event.

For eWaste/White Goods, each item must have a sticker that must be purchased for \$20. Then call Waste Management with the sticker number(s) **the week prior to collection** to notify them what white goods or electronic waste will be placed at the curb. See the Waste Management Flyer you received for other details.

Waste Management (800) 972-4545. **NO CALL WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15TH 2 PM.**

In the event you are unable to make one of these dates and times, contact the Selectmen's Office at 642-8406 Option 1 or the Town Clerks Office Option 2 to schedule a day and time for pick up. You may send someone from your household, with a valid ID, to pick up and purchase your stickers.

Thanks in advance for your assistance.

****eWaste = Electronic Waste****

An advertisement for 'Work for the Y' with an orange background. At the top left is the 'the y' logo. Below it is a photo of a woman in a purple shirt interacting with children. Text includes 'A BETTER US STARTS WITH U' and 'For a better us'. The main headline is 'WORK FOR THE Y' in large white letters. Below that is the website 'www.sdyymca.org/work-for-the-y'. A section titled 'Benefits Include:' lists: 'Free membership to the Exeter Area YMCA', 'Paid time off', and '403(b) Retirement Savings Plan and so much more!'. A QR code is on the right side. At the bottom, it says 'scan to see our full list of openings'.

The YMCA is hiring!

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Needed: Staff for their before and after care at EKES and more...

Visit www.sdyymca.org/work-for-the-y for more information.

NH BioBlitz, a Species Scavenger Hunt, in Town Forest, Sept. 8 & 18

by the East Kingston Conservation Commission

What animals, trees, shrubs, and fungi live in our town forest? Join us to find out and help us document it as part of the statewide NH BioBlitz on Wednesday, 9/8 at 5pm, and/or Saturday 9/18 at 9am.

We'll explore, identify and document the plants and animals in East Kingston's Railroad Lot Town Forest.

Meet at the East Kingston Town Office at 24 Depot Rd. We'll do a quick iNaturalist training, using your smartphone and the iNaturalist App, and then drive to East Kingston's Railroad Lot Town Forest. Due to limited parking, family members are asked to carpool if possible.

The two events, hosted by the East Kingston Conservation Commission (EKCC), are free. No registration is required.

As a COVID-19 safety precaution, both programs will be held outdoors and we will maintain 6' distancing. If you have not been vaccinated, please wear a mask at all times. Bring your smartphone with the iNaturalist App downloaded if you are so inclined. Sturdy footwear and insect repellent are recommended.

Photo credit: Charlie Moreno (from East Kingston's Forest Management Plan)



How do I participate?

You don't need to be an expert to participate!

iNaturalist can help you identify the species of plants, insects, fungi, and wildlife that you find! You'll learn more about the world around you and will help your town learn more about the natural resources in your community.

1. Download the iNaturalist app on your phone/tablet (or access iNaturalist through your computer) and create an account. (Detailed instructions here: unh.app.box.com/s/62pftno108pqz9lykzzjqrsv9vj37ux)
2. In iNaturalist, join the NH BioBlitz project (www.inaturalist.org/projects/nh-bioblitz) to keep track of observations made by you and others.
3. **During the month of September, visit town-owned lands and take photos** of wild, living things (plants, animals, insects, and more) within the app or upload via your computer.
4. Join your neighbors and EKCC members and meet at the town office at 24 Depot Rd by 5pm on Wednesday, 9/8 or by 9am on Saturday, 9/18.

Friends of EKPL News

by FoEKPL

Quilt Raffle

The Friends have restarted their quilt raffle! The beautiful quilt, made by local Diane Sheckells, is currently on display in the library by the front door of the library and comes with a matching accent pillow. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for 6 tickets.



Pound School Used Book Store

Visit us at the Used Book Store, located at 41 Depot Road, East Kingston, NH. All proceeds go directly to the Friends of the East Kingston Public Library.

We are staffed by local volunteers; if anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact the library!

Etc.

The next Friends of East Kingston Public Library Quarterly Meeting will take place on Thursday October 28th. Please mark your calendars - we would love to have you join us!

Bookmark our website to stay informed of our activities, including our Used Book Store sales. www.eastkingstonlibrary.org/friends-of-ekpl

If you have any questions or would like to become a member, please email the Friends at friendsofekpl@gmail.com.

Important Dates

- **September 6th @ 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.
- **September 13th @ 5:00pm - Conservation Commission**
 - In-Person at the Town Offices. Visit eknh.org/conservation-commission for more information.
- **September 16th @ 7:00pm - Planning Board Meeting**
 - In-Person at the Pound School. Visit eknh.org/planning-board for more.
- **September 20th @ 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.
- **September 27th @ 7:00pm - EKPL Board of Trustees Meeting**
 - In-Person with Zoom Option. Meetings will be held at the East Kingston Public Library. Visit eastkingstonlibrary.org for more information.