

E. KINGSTON EDITION

The Last Days of Summer



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Community Collaboration

by Zoe Sucu, Library Staff

As the summer draws to a close, we'd like to put an emphasis on community collaboration. The pandemic forced many people to cut ties with normal routines and partnerships. As we move forward in this new pandemic-age, we want to focus a lot more on our community in order to help people reconnect to the space in which they live.

The library, with help from the Friends, was able to partner with places like Jones General Store, Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, the Seacoast Science Center and more for kids participating in the summer reading program.

We'd like to put it out there and invite people to think about how they interact with their community. Is there something you can buy to support your local businesses instead of sending away for it? What about buying local produce instead of produce shipped to food stores from over seas? There are so many opportunities every day to make those small steps in helping our community thrive without breaking the bank. What can you do?

ARPA GRANT

by Tracy Waldron, Library Director

The East Kingston Public Library is the recipient of \$1,267 in grant funding thanks to federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and made possible by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the New Hampshire State Library. The grant funds received will support the East Kingston Public Library's efforts to catalog historical information for the town.

To learn more about ARPA funding, visit www.whitehouse.gov/american-rescue-plan/.



Important Dates

- **August 9th @ 5:00pm - Conservation Commission**
 - In-Person at the Town Offices. Visit eknh.org/conservation-commission for more information.
- **August 9th @ 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.
- **August 19th @ 7:00pm - Planning Board Meeting**
 - In-Person at the Pound School. Visit eknh.org/planning-board for more.
- **August 23rd @ 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.
- **August 23rd @ 7:00pm - EKPL Board of Trustees Meeting**
 - In-Person at the East Kingston Public Library. Visit eastkingstonlibrary.org for more information.

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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.

NH BioBlitz

by the East Kingston Conservation Commission

How would you like to spend a fun hour or two outdoors walking on one of your town-owned conservation properties while helping with an important species identification project developed by the UNH Cooperative Extension? The UNH "BioBlitz" project description is below and, as indicated, you do not need to be an expert!

Your EK Conservation Commission members felt this would be a great opportunity for us to get together with you, provide a quick onsite training on using the iNaturalist (free app), and tour two of our conservation properties while recording data. The dates are to be determined, but will be in September – when it's cooler, and directions will be provided. If you have any interest, we'd love to hear from you: send us a quick note, subject "BioBlitz" at EKconservation@gmail.com.

What is the NH BioBlitz?

A BioBlitz is a species scavenger hunt where volunteers help find and record data on as many different wild living things as possible in a certain area and a short amount of time. During the month of September 2021, we need your help finding and documenting species (plants, animals, insects, fungi) found on town-owned lands all over New Hampshire using iNaturalist. This is a statewide event and you can participate on town-owned lands right in your own community!

Why should I participate in the 2021 NH BioBlitz?

The Statewide 2021 NH BioBlitz is a fun way to get outside and record biodiversity on town-owned lands all over the state. 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.
2. Become a member of the NH BioBlitz project to keep track of observations made by you and others.
3. Learn more about the NH BioBlitz at extension.unh.edu/resource/participate-2021-nh-bioblitz



Our Natural Resources Inventory is Underway!

by the East Kingston Conservation Commission

An East Kingston Natural Resources Inventory is underway!

The purpose of this report is to serve as a planning tool for the town to protect our natural features and preserve the rural nature of East Kingston.

- The East Kingston Conservation Commission (EKCC) and three townspeople are working to identify and inventory the town's:
- important, naturally occurring resources, such as forests, farmlands, streams, lakes and wetlands
 - cultural resources (historic, scenic, and recreational assets)
 - wildlife, habitats and wildlife corridors
 - unfragmented habitat blocks
 - conservation lands

Natural resources provide a variety of environmental, health, economic, recreation, and public safety benefits:

1. improve air and water quality
2. support wildlife and fish habitat
3. enhance property values
4. provide spaces for people to recreate or simply interact with nature
5. minimize flood damage

An early finding of our work is that nearly one-half (45%) of East Kingston is Appalachian-Oak-Pine Forest habitat.

Your comments and suggestions are welcome.

Contact one of us in person or email us at EKconservation@gmail.com.

Dennis Quintal – Vicki Brown – Peter Gilligan – Gordon Powers – Julie Ostopchuk

