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by Zoe Sucu, Library Director

Our August Summer Market went fabulously! It was by far our biggest market yet with 34 vendors in total, and thankfully the rain held off until after we were done packing up for the day.

Our last Summer Market of the season will be on September 17th. Jones will also be grilling bratwursts and doing a beer tasting. Help us send off our summer market series of 2023 on good standing.

Keep an eye out! We're in works to hold a Holiday Market in December. Date TBD.

September 17th 10am - 2pm. All are welcome!

A Letter to Residents

by the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee

The East Kingston Solid Waste and Recycling Committee wishes to remind Town residents that the continued success of the Town's recycling efforts hinges on the cooperation of all Town residents. We all should be proud of the recycling efforts accomplished over the last 18 years.

As you are aware, solid waste disposal and recycling continues to be a major issue for all communities and it can be costly to execute. We do have strategies to attempt to reduce these costs. One of them is to provide feedback to residents with reminders when issues are determined.

Our Town has separate pick-ups for bulk waste, white goods and electronic waste. These are outlined in the "Town of East Kingston Trash, Recycling, Collection Services" brochure which each household receives in April and [posted on the Towns website](#).

As described in the brochure, we have a comprehensive process to deal with various household products whether they be placed in the recycle bucket or the waste bucket or held for the bulk waste, white goods and electronic pickups slated throughout the year.

Waste Management, our vendor, has their trucks outfitted with video cameras recording what goes into the hopper and rear of the truck. Based on a recent audit, it was noted that there were common violations of what is permitted to go into the respective recycling buckets. It was found that 288 of 824 stops on a recent recycling date found that plastic bags were placed in the buckets. Styrofoam was another item in many of the recycle buckets. These are not permitted to be recycled. Plastic bags can be combined and returned to your local grocery store for recycling and Styrofoam needs to be directed to the waste bucket.

In other situations, a small portable air conditioner, shop vac, plastic toys, metal rods, wood slats, rope and clothing were placed in recycle buckets. These are clearly not permitted for recycling.

To further explain, the fee for tonnage paid by the Town for normal trash pickups is less than the rate for recycling pickups. The Town receives a credit against the recycling pickup rate that usually reduces the tonnage cost to a lower rate. However, when items that cannot be recycled are placed in the recycle bucket, the tonnage weight is skewed to the higher rate, which in turn increases costs to the Town that are then passed on in our tax rate. So it is important to put trash where it belongs and not in the recycle bucket.

With everyone's cooperation, we can continue to deal with our waste in a positive manner to everyone's benefit.

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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 - 2:31pm
Wednesday: 5pm - 7pm

Town Administration

(603) 642-8406
Monday: 8am - 4pm
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:
8am - 2:31pm
Wednesday: 11am - 7pm

East Kingston Police

Emergency: 911
Non-Emergency: (603) 642-5431

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

September 18, 2023 Fall Bulk Waste Pickup

by Ron Morales, Solid Waste and Recycle Committee

The Bulk Waste pickup requires a sticker system such as the one we use for White Goods. Each household will be allowed 2 free stickers and may purchase additional stickers for \$20 each. They must pick them up at the Town Clerks Office during normal business hours-(603) 642-8406 Option #2. The Town Clerks Office hours are Monday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Wednesday: 5 p.m.-7 p.m. A log will be kept to record each household that picks up their free stickers as well as any purchased. Bulky items are defined below; any other items will not be picked up even if they have a sticker. Bulky Waste is defined as a large item or bundle, **other than commercial construction and demolition debris, hazardous waste, White Goods or CRT's**, which cannot fit into a cart. Items shall include, but not be limited to tables, chairs, couches, bed frames, mattresses, bedsprings, grills, lawnmowers (without fuel tank), bathroom fixtures, etc. Refer to your flyer or the Town of East Kingston website for more information.

Maplevalle residents on side streets need to bring bulky items out to Maplevalle Road.

Cricket Hill is a private road with limited access for large trucks and will not participate in Bulk Waste Collection.

ALL ITEMS MUST BE STICKERED AND AT CURBSIDE BY 7 AM THE DAY OF THE COLLECTION

Saving our Beautiful White Ash Tree

By Vicki J. Brown, East Kingston Conservation Commission

An invasive insect, the Emerald Ash Borer, has been infesting and killing ash trees around the country. A town warrant article in 2019 established the \$5,000 Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) fund to ensure we identified and took measures to save our highest-value White Ash trees on town land.

The East Kingston Conservation Commission, which oversees the fund, is using those monies to proactively treat the town's beautiful ash tree in Union Cemetery on South Road to prevent Emerald Ash Borer infestation and probable mortality.

These preventative trunk injection treatments are done every two years (based on the beetle's life cycle) and were completed in 2021 and 2023, for a total cost of \$761. Today, \$4,239 remains in the fund. Fortunately, the tree appears healthy, with no sign of the invasive pest; i.e., no crown die-back or bark "blonding" from woodpeckers feeding on the EAB larvae.

To learn more about the fund and EAB mitigation strategies, visit www.eknh.org/conservation-commission/pages/emerald-ash-borer-fund or contact us at ekconservation@gmail.com.



Friends of East Kingston Public Library

by FoEKPL

September greetings! Hard to believe that summer is behind us and the kids are already back in school. But hopefully we'll have a few more days this month that feel like summer is still here. 😊

The Friends would like to give a shout-out and huge thanks to the EKPL staff for running another successful and wonderful Summer Reading Program. There were fun and interesting programs throughout the summer, weekly take-and-make crafts, kid friendly reading trackers, and lots of ways to earn raffle tickets. The program culminated with a party at the library on August 12th that was a big hit - raffle prizes, prizes for participating in the program, fun outdoor games, and some tasty food and treats. The Friends help support these events and programs financially but they wouldn't be possible or successful without the hard work and dedication put into them by the wonderful EKPL staff - **THANK YOU** Zoe, Sherry, Kathy, Sarah, and Alex!!!



Get an early start on your Fall reading or start the school year with some great books by visiting the **Used Book Store (UBS) at the Pound School** Fridays 10-5 or Saturdays 10-1. Specials for this month include:

- Chicken Soup for the Soul
- Wonderful books on woodworking
- Books in a series - all genre
- LP (Vinyl Records) - new donations!
- **Kids 5th Saturday on Sept 30th** - kids activities and books for young and older kids

Our last **Summer Market** of the season will be this month on Sunday, September 17th - don't forget to stop by! These have been wonderful community events and it's also a great chance to support and enjoy locally grown produce and crafts.

Mark your calendar to join us at the next **FoEKPL Quarterly Meeting on Thursday, October 12th** at 5:00p at the Library to learn more about the group and how to support programming at the East Kingston Library.

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

NEKS Republicans to Meet

The Newton, East Kingston, Kensington and South Hampton (NEKS) Republican Town Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 27th, 5:00 pm (earlier this month due to the scheduled Republican Debate).

Our Republican Town Committee is an organization of voters who meet monthly to learn about the Republican Party and support its candidates and principles.

Any and all Republican voters, and like-minded independents, are invited to participate in the committee.

For detailed information about speakers and the location of the meeting please email neksgop@icloud.com

Summer Reading Wrap-Up

by Zoe Sucu, Library Director

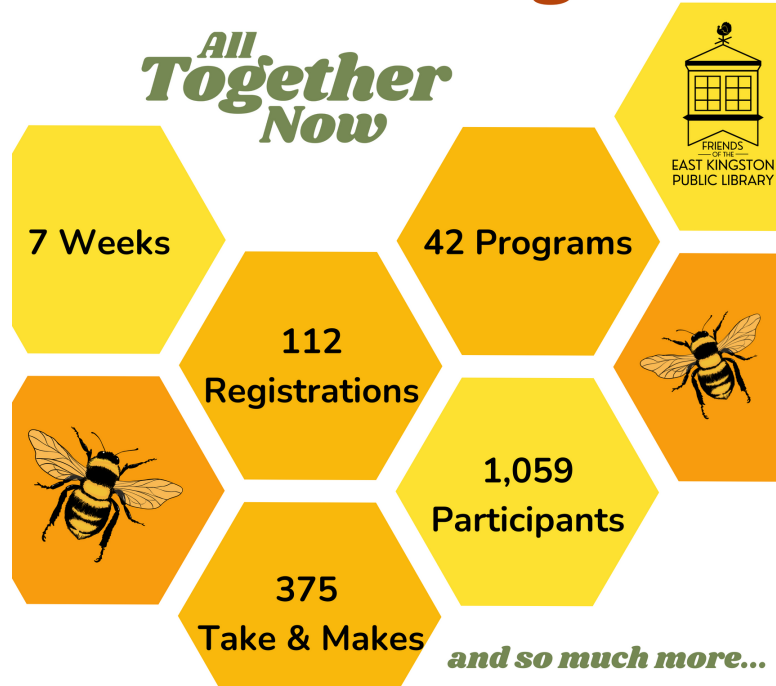
We did it! After seven weeks (not including the six months of prep beforehand), our 2023 All Together Now Summer Reading Program is complete!

I've included our most simple statistics on the graphic below as a small preview to everything that goes on at the library during our Summer Reading Programs. That said, we couldn't do it by ourselves. We have so many people to thank for their efforts in helping us provide the best summer possible for our East Kingston residents.

First off, our biggest thank you goes to the Friends of the East Kingston Public Library. They are the sponsors for the majority of our supplies and the entirety of the hired programming. Without their support, our program would be miniscule. Next is the Jones General Store for donating ice cream to those who completed their challenges, and to the Pound School Used Book Store for donating two free books per child. To Tricklin' Falls for donating use of their facilities. And lastly to all five of our mystery readers who donated their time and energy to come read to our rowdy bunch of story hour kids.

Thanks East Kingston for an amazing summer!

Summer Reading 2023





REGISTER TO ★ ★ VOTE ★

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session
Sunday, September 17, 2023
12:00pm to 2:00pm
East Kingston Summer Market @ the Library

This session will address checklist items, register new voters, and accept change of party requests.

To register to vote, please bring the following:

- Proof of Identity (photo ID)
- Proof of Age
- Proof of Citizenship (passport, birth certificate or naturalization documents)
- Proof of Domicile (town you which you live)

If you do not have these available, you will need to sign an affidavit attesting to your ID, age, citizenship, and residence (domicile).



Meet & Greet

From 10-12, talk with one of East Kingston's Supervisors of the Checklist. Learn about this important elected role and how you can get involved.

Important Dates

- **September 5th @ 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 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.
- **September 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.
- **September 18th @ 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 17th @ 12:00pm to 2:00pm - Supervisors of the Checklist**
 - Come find our table at the Summer Market and register to vote from 12:00pm to 2:00pm.
 - Want to learn more about this elected position? A meet and greet of an elected official will be from 10:00am to 12:00pm. No voter registration from 10:00am to 12:00pm.
- **September 21st @ 7:00pm - Planning Board Meeting**
 - In Person. Meetings are held at the Pound School. More information can be found at www.eknh.org/planning-board.
- **September 28th @ 7:00pm - Zoning Board**
 - In Person. Meetings are held at the Pound School. More information can be found at www.eknh.org/zoning-board-adjustment.
- **September 25th @ 5pm - EKPL Board of Trustees**
 - In-Person with Zoom Option. Meetings will be held at the East Kingston Public Library. The agenda, Zoom link, and more can be found on eastkingstonlibrary.org.