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Helping our planet one street at a time

by Zoe Sucu, Library Staff

April is the month where we can finally get back outside, see little bulbs start to pop up from the dirt, and feel the sun on our faces. It's also the month where we see all the garbage emerge from those massive snow piles along the side of the road.

April 22nd is Earth Day, a day to celebrate the earth. This year, we're hoping to motivate others to join us in cleaning our roads. As the weather gets warmer, and we start going for more and more walks down the road, we hope to inspire you this month to take a trash bag with you (and a pair of gloves!) and clean up as you walk!

Maybe, with a little planning and some social distancing, you can even plan a day out with your neighbors, working together to clean up East Kingston's roads. It's such a simple way to help the earth, help our wildlife, and help our town.

From the Selectmen's Office

By Grace Ruelle, Administrative Assistant

Election News:

The Deliberative has officially been rescheduled. The new date is Saturday, April 10, 2021 at 11am for the Town and 1pm for the Elementary School. This will be held in the parking lot of the EKES. The rain date for the event is Sunday, April 11, 2021 beginning at 1pm.

The Election Day will be Tuesday, May 11, 2021. Polls will open at 8am.

For any questions please call the Selectmen's Office at 603-642-8406 ext 1.

Meet Our New Building Inspector!

The Town of East Kingston would like to welcome Kip Kaiser, our new Building Inspector. Kip comes to us part time, working for the Town of Brentwood as well. He has been working as a Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer since 2014 and has extensive experience in the field. Kip is available by email at <u>kkaiser@eastkingstonnh.gov</u>. He is a welcome addition to the team here in Town!

Town Clerk Information

By Barbara Clark, Town Clerk

Town of East Kingston - Rabies Clinic

Dr. Kirk Smith of the Amesbury Animal Hospital and the Town of East Kingston will hold its Annual Rabies Clinic on Saturday, April 24, 2021, from 12:00pm – 2:00pm at the East Kingston Town Office Building parking lot, 24 Depot Road.

A fee of \$15.00 will be charged for each animal. Any domestic animal may be brought to the clinic but must be restrained by a leash or in a cage.

Please bring the pet's most recent proof of rabies certification so that a three-year vaccination can be offered. Otherwise, all vaccinations will cover a one-year period.

The Town Clerk's Office will also be open during this time to issue dog licenses to East Kingston residents.

East Kingston residents are reminded that April 30th is the deadline for dog owners to license their dogs with the Town Clerk. This applies to all dogs, three months and older. A certificate of rabies vaccination is required as well as proof of neutering/spaying.

You can license your dog online at: www.eknh.org

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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 *By Appointment*

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

Waste Management Services

By Solid Waste Removal and Recycling Committee



Bulk Waste

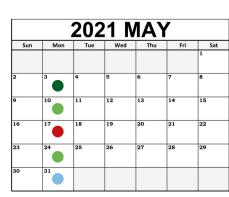
The Bulk Waste program will be May 17, 2021 and September 20, 2021, and follows the same sticker system that has been used in years past.

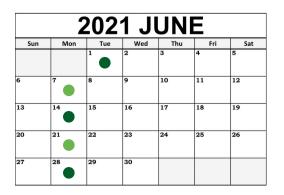
Each household can receive two free stickers. Any additional stickers are to be purchased for \$20 each at the Town Clerks Office. Free stickers also have to be picked up at the Town Clerks Office.

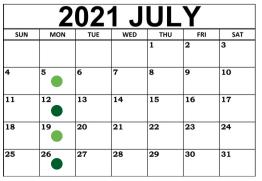
Bulk items are as defined: A large item or bundle, other than commercial construction and demolition debris, hazardous waste, White Goods or CRT's, which cannot fit into a cart. Items shall include, but not be limited to: tables, chairs, couches, bed frames, mattresses, bedsprings. *Information taken from the Town of East Kingston Waste Management Flyer*

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NEW! 25-Year Forest Management Plan for East Kingston's Town Forests

by the East Kinston Conservation Commission

Three separate parcels -- The Parsonage, Railroad, and Welch Lots - comprise the 36-acre East Kingston Town Forest.

A newly updated Forest Management Plan, written by consulting forester Charlie Moreno in July 2020, serves as a guide for the long-term (25-year!) management of the Town Forest parcels, which the East Kingston Conservation Commission (EKCC) oversees.

The EKCC's ongoing objectives for our town forests are six-fold:

- 1. Protecting water quality, wetlands, and the Powwow River riparian area
- 1. Enhancing wildlife habitat
- 2. Managing recreational use
- 3. Maintaining the parcels free of non-native, invasive plants
- 4. Managing for forest health and resilience
- General property upkeep: Boundary lines and trails.
 With these six objectives in mind, the Forest Management

Plan provides an updated analysis of the parcels' natural

resources and a set of detailed recommendations for each parcel over the next 25 years (see table).

East Kingston Conservation Commission members conducted site visits of the three parcels in the winter to get a head start on activities for 2021-2022:

- Remove invasive plants
- Locate, blaze and paint property lines, which have faded over time

Residents are invited to read or download the full 66-page Forest Management Plan from the East Kingston Conservation Commission web page (it's the last item in the Natural Resources Inventory section).

EKES School Board Updates

by the East Kinston School Board

A New Website

The EK School Board now has its own URL! Go to <u>eastkingstonschoolboard.org</u> to find a voter's guide with detail about our warrant articles that will be on the ballot in May, the proposed 2021-2022 school budget, and details about our upcoming candidates' night for the one open Board seat. Also, we are in the process of evaluating progress on our Board work for the past year and would greatly appreciate feedback from the community (via a link for feedback on the website).

The Deliberative Session

School Board Deliberative is Saturday, April 10 at 1 p.m. outdoors at EKES back parking lot. Rain date is Sunday, April 11. Town and School voting day is Tuesday, May 11 at EKES, 8 to 7.

School Board Meeting

Our regular Board meeting for next month is Wednesday, April 14 at 5:30 p.m. via zoom.

FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN for the East Kingston Town Forest

East Kingston, New Hampshire 36.0± acres (combined)



Resident Spotlight: Conrad Moses, Library Trustee Chairperson

By Tracy Waldron, Library Director

After 20-some-odd years as our wisest Library Trustee, Conrad Moses has decided to retire. Elected to the library Board of Trustees in 1995, Conrad has played a pivotal role in more ways than can be counted in these last 26 years.

Back in 1995, when he first was elected to the three-person board, the library was still located in the Pound School. He was instrumental in growing the Board to five members which helped the Board have a broader range of ideas and a lighter work load. Conrad played crucial part on the team of Trustees that was responsible for the building of the new library in 2008. In 2009, Conrad, never one to be selfish with his time,



volunteered to be part of the New Hampshire Library Trustee Association (NHLTA). NHLTA assists trustees to be knowledgeable and effective in order to serve, improve and promote New Hampshire's public libraries. The NHLTA was fortunate to have Conrad, and the East Kingston



Library Trustees now had a direct line to policy and information. He always kept the board "legal," informed and able to do their job better.

These days, small town committee board members come and go in rapid fashion. It is hard to have continuity on a board, but with that continuity comes institutional knowledge that is vital to small town management. The library has been so very fortunate to have Conrad's energy and expertise for so many years. There is no better

library advocate than Conrad. He is a gem and the library will miss him greatly. We wish him the best in all his future endeavors.





Friends of EKPL News

By FoEKPL



Meet Our New FoEKPL President!

The Friends of the East Kingston Public Library welcome our new President, Áine Cronin. Áine and her family moved to Giles Rd in 2018 and have been frequent patrons and members of the Friends ever since. She is excited to support both the library and the community in this new role and looks forward to, hopefully, more in-person programming soon!

To learn more about the Friends, please join us for our next monthly meeting on April 22 via Zoom (link will be posted directly on the Friends' page at <u>www.eastkingstonlibrary.org/friends-of-ekpl</u>). And, if you'd like to volunteer a few hours a month to support the group, please email the Friends (at <u>friendsofekpl@gmail.com</u> to learn more about open board positions.

Follow us on Twitter @friends_public

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.

We currently have a big selection of large print books.

BrainFuse at the Library!

By Zoe Sucu, Library Staff



In March, the library introduced a new software program called Brainfuse. Brainfuse is a program specifically designed to help students along with their school work. The program offers live tutoring, a Question and Answer service, flashcards, writing workshops, and so much more for grades K-12. You can talk to someone directly, through video, or through their awesome chat functions. Now, Brainfduse isn't just for grade school. There are help centers specifically for resume help, job hunting questions, and practice tests and tutors set aside just for the GED.

"Brainfuse tutors are screened, trained, and managed directly by Brainfuse. Our tutors are recruited from a diverse tutoring pool and include a mix of professional tutors, retired instructors, graduate students and college faculty members. Only tutors with proven backgrounds in tutoring/teaching in their respective fields are hired by Brainfuse" (Brainfuse HelpNow Users Guide).

To access BrainFuse, all you need is your library card! Visit <u>eastkingstonlibrary.org/virtual-services</u> (scroll to With Your Library Card) and click the HelpNow button! Enter in your 14-digit library card number and you're good to go! If you don't have your library card number, please don't hesitate to give us a call. Thanks to the Friends of the Library for purchasing this program for the Library!

Remembering Don Clark

We have some sad news. Longtime East Kingston resident Don Clark passed away on March 5., 2021. He spent the last 42 years of his life in East Kingston. Don served the town of East Kingston in many capacities. He was a Selectman, volunteered for the Fire Department and worked in the Town Offices. He leaves behind many children, grand children and great grandchildren and his beloved wife Priscilla. He will be missed.





Brown's Academy Scholarship

By Brown's Academy Trustees Scholarship

Application available at <u>www.eknh.org/brown-acad-scholarship</u>

The Brown's Academy Trustees Scholarship has announced that the 2020-2021 Brown's Academy Trustees' Scholarships will be awarded to qualified residents of East Kingston who are currently enrolled in an approved two or four year undergraduate program and who meet the criteria of the selection committee. For consideration, each applicant must complete the Brown's Academy Trustees Scholarship Application. This application can be obtained by visiting the link above.

Seniors at Exeter Area High School should comply with the school's Local Scholarship Program guidelines or, like seniors at other high schools, can request an application as noted above.

Complete application forms must be submitted to the Trustees by May 1, 2021.

Address:

Brown's Academy Scholarship Fund P.O. Box 71 East Kingston, NH 03827

Important Dates

- April 5th @ 6:30pm Selectmen's Meeting
 - <u>Via Zoom</u>. The agenda & Zoom link can be found on <u>eknh.org/selectmen</u>.
- April 10th Town and School Deliberative Sessions (Rain Date April 11)
 - 11am Town Deliberative Session at EKES Outside
 - 1pm School Deliberative Session at EKES Outside
- April 12th @ 5pm EK Conservation Commission Meeting
 - <u>Via Zoom</u>. Zoom link can be found at <u>eknh.org/conservation-commission</u>
- April 14th @ 5:30pm E.K. School Board Meeting
 - <u>Via Zoom</u>. Zoom link can be found at <u>eastkingstonschoolboard.org</u>.
- April 15th Cemeteries Open
- April 16th @ 7pm Planning Board Meeting
 - <u>Via Zoom</u>. Zoom link can be found at <u>eknh.org/planning-board</u>.
- April 19th @ 6:30pm Selectmen's Meeting Amend Warrant/Budget
 <u>Via Zoom</u>. The agenda & Zoom link can be found on eknh.org/selectmen.
- April 21st @ 4pm The Solid Waste Removal & Recycle Committee Meeting
 - <u>Via Zoom</u>. Link can be found at <u>eknh.org/solid-wasterecycling</u>.
- April 22nd @ 7pm Friends of the Library Meeting
 - <u>Via Zoom</u>. Link can be found at <u>eastkingstonlibrary.org/friends-of-ekpl</u>.
- April 26th @ 7pm EKPL Board of Trustees Meeting
 - <u>Via Zoom</u>. Link can be found at <u>eastkingstonlibrary.org</u>.