

Kennebunk Currents

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State Primary, Town Referendum, Town Election & School Budget Validation Election

A State Primary, Town Referendum, Town Election and RSU 21 Budget Validation will be held on **Tuesday, June 9**, from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM in the Edward C. Winston Auditorium at Town Hall. Several opportunities will be available to better understand the content of the various ballots. Notices



of such opportunities are well represented on the Town's website www.kennebunkmaine.us/elections.

Early voting (absentee) will start on May 11. Extended early voting hours will be available. Please call the Town Clerk's Office at 207-604-1326 for those hours and any other questions you may have.

Kennebunk Parks & Recreation Department



Resident recreation registration for summer activities begins on **May 7**.

To view and sign up for the activities offered, visit www.kennebunkrec.com and also look for our catalog in your mailbox!

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

A Special Town Meeting will be held in the Edward C. Winston Auditorium at 1 Summer Street on **Tuesday, April 7** from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM. The Special Town Meeting is to vote on proposed Amendments to the following sections of the Zoning Ordinance:

- Article 2, Section 2 (Definitions)
- Article 8, Section 14.B.5 (Business Park District)
- Article 10, Section 24 (Retail Marijuana)

This would permit retail marijuana testing facilities, licensed by the State of Maine, within the Business Park Zoning District. This only deals with retail testing facilities and would not permit any retail stores, retail manufacturing or retail cultivation of marijuana within the Town of Kennebunk. This also changes language from "retail" to "adult use" in order to be consistent with State law.

Property Tax Assistance Available

Kennebunk residents who are homeowners or renters and age 62 or older may be eligible for property tax assistance. Applications are available at Town Hall and must be submitted no later than **July 1** each year. Read more and download an application at www.kennebunkmaine.us/TaxHelp

Kennebunk Bicentennial

The Town will be celebrating its Bicentennial this year in a few different ways, but the main celebration will take place downtown on **Saturday, June 27**. There will be a children's wagon parade, bouncy houses, a reenactor's encampment and more during the day, and a community block party with boxed dinners, live music and more in the evening. As a result, there will be some road closures in the downtown area throughout the day and lasting into the evening.

More details will be available in the coming weeks/months, so please keep an eye on the Town's Bicentennial Committee page and on Facebook.

www.kennebunkmaine.us/bicentennial

www.facebook.com/kennebunkbicentennial



Select Board

L. Blake Baldwin, Chair
Wayne Berry, Vice Chair
Christopher Cluff, Secretary
Edward Karytko
Shiloh Schulte
William Ward, Jr.
Frank Paul



Town Manager

Michael Pardue

The Select Board meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM on the 3rd floor of the Town Hall.

Meetings are televised live on Cable TV Channel 1302 and streamed live and archived at www.townhallstreams.com

Have Things to Sell? We have the venue!



The Town Clerk and Rec Events Coordinator will be hosting the 6th Annual Community Yard Sale at the Waterhouse Center on **Saturday, May 16**.

The sale will take place from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The 10'x10' space rental fee is \$20.00. Tables and electricity are not provided. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's Office and further information may be obtained by calling the Town Clerk's Office at 207-604-1326.

Town Hall Hours: M-F 8:00 AM—4:30 PM • The Recreation Office is closed each day from 1:00 PM—2:00 PM

Lower Village Committee

The Lower Village Committee is looking for input and/or participation in four initiatives:

- 1) June Bicentennial event held at McNamara Park
- 2) Adoption of design standards for Lower Village Commercial, Mixed Use and Multi-family buildings
- 3) Installation of a public access electric vehicle charging station behind Washington Hose Fire Station
- 4) Upgrade street lighting, most particularly along Port Road between Cooper's Corner and Christensen Lane

FMI, please see the Committee's meeting minutes posted on the Town's website. Contact the Committee through the Town Clerk's office or attend a Lower Village Committee meeting to provide input. Meetings are held on the **first Monday of each month** at 9:00 AM at the Washington Hose Fire Station.

News from the Kennebunk Free Library

Free tax help from AARP is available on Thursdays through **April 9** from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

Spring fundraisers include a Pi Day Bake Sale on **March 12** & the March Madness auction featuring a variety of items on **March 2-7**.

Join us at the May Day Festival on **May 2** for our Faerie Festival and book sale.

Register now for the 23rd Edition Road Race being held on **July 10**.

Prizes will go to the top male/female finishers in 8 categories and overall winners will receive an engraved trophy.



Reminders from Kennebunk Fire Rescue

House/Building Numbers: KFR is asking property owners to make sure your street address number is properly displayed on your home or building. Fire and Rescue personnel need to find your home or business quickly when an emergency occurs.

- Clearly posted numbers can save precious time in the event of an emergency
- Response time is critical, seconds lost can mean the difference between life and death

Knox Box: KFR would like to remind residents and businesses that have fire, security or sprinkler systems monitored by an outside agency that Town Ordinance requires a "Knox Box" security key box at your building. These devices store a key to your building and aid the Police and Fire Rescue, should you not be available to allow access.

Find the Police/Fire Alarms Ordinance (Section 3-11) & the Street Address Ordinance (Section 4-6) at www.kennebunkmaine.us/NonZoningOrdinances

FMI, please contact the Fire Rescue Department at 207-604-1340.



Want to Know More About the Kennebunk Community Garden?

We have two community gardens in Kennebunk, one behind the Park Street School Apartments at 14 Park Street and one at the end of Holland Road near the Animal Welfare Society.

The Park Street Garden has thirty-eight 4'x8' raised beds to rent for \$35 during the gardening season (Memorial Day through Columbus Day). The Holland Road Garden has a limited number of 10'x10' and 10'x20' garden plots available to rent for \$35 and \$70.

To rent a garden plot, submit an application to the Town Clerk's office. By signing up for a Community Garden plot, the Committee asks renters to commit volunteering hours back to our 'Maine Harvest for Hunger' portion of the garden.

FMI and an application please visit www.kennebunkmaine.us/communitygarden



Why NOT to Idle

The enclosed flyer is a reminder from the Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee that the Town adopted a No Idling Policy in 2009. Idling isn't good for your car, your wallet, or more importantly for this wonderful earth. By NOT idling, you can save wear on your engine, stop wasting money on fuel, and reduce CO2 emissions!

People and pets love to go for a ride, but no person or pet should be left in a vehicle long enough to need heat or cooling.

Remember, only you can reduce CO2 Emissions.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY AS A MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL?

Nomination papers will be available on **March 2** for the following offices:

- (2) Select Board Members, 3-year terms
- (2) RSU 21 Directors, 3-year terms
- (2) Kennebunk Light and Power District Trustees, 5-year terms
- (1) Kennebunk, Kennebunkport & Wells Water District Trustee, 3-year term
- (1) Kennebunk Sewer District Trustee, 3-year term

To get your name on the ballot for the June 9 Town Election, each nominee must obtain nomination papers from the Town Clerk's Office and receive a minimum of 25 signatures (maximum of 100) from Kennebunk residents who are registered voters.

Nomination papers must be returned no later than **April 10** at 4:30 PM. FMI, contact the Town Clerk's Office at 207-604-1326.