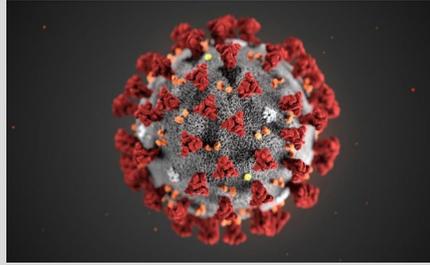


Kennebunk Currents

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COVID-19/Coronavirus Information

The Town of Kennebunk continues to consult the [US CDC](https://www.cdc.gov), the [Maine CDC](https://www.maine.gov/cdc) and the [Governor's office](https://www.maine.gov/gov) for best practices as they relate to COVID-19 and reopening our community. We will make changes and updates to our operations and services as appropriate for the health and safety of our Town and citizens. We urge all citizens to continue to [take safety measures as they venture out](#).



Please visit our website at www.kennebunkmaine.us to view information, resources and Town updates related to COVID-19. You can also sign up to receive email and/or text message notifications when this information is updated. On our homepage, look for the [Notify Me](#) button or go to www.kennebunkmaine.us/notifyme. To receive COVID-19 updates, scroll down to the category for Alert Center and choose Community Notices. While you're there, consider signing up for other items including trash & recycling collection changes, bid and job postings, committee agendas, news items and Town blogs. You can make changes or unsubscribe at any time.

On May 20th the Town Hall successfully reopened to the public. The success can be accredited to the Town's Employee Reengagement Task Force, its employees, as well as the cooperation of visitors. If you have yet to visit the Town Hall, you will notice a few things have changed in an effort to ensure employee and customer safety. These changes include:

- * ***Face coverings/masks are required in the building.***
- * ***Hours of operation are Mon - Fri, 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., with all offices closing from 12:00 p.m.-1:15 p.m. for an opportunity to sanitize and disinfect workstations and shared public spaces and for staff lunches.***

We also continue to offer [services online](#) for individuals who are able to and may prefer to complete their business from home. Visit our staff directory at www.kennebunkmaine.us/directory to contact the various Departments of the Town by phone or email.

2020 Statewide General Election: Tuesday, November 3rd

On Tuesday, November 3, 2020, polls will open from 6 am to 8 pm in the Edward Winston Auditorium at the Town Hall.



Absentee ballots will be available beginning **October 5th** and can be requested via phone or in person at the Town Clerk's office. Ballots can also be requested at www.maine.gov (search 'absentee ballot'). Residents may register to vote during regular business hours in the Town Clerk's office as well as on the day of the Election (proof of Kennebunk residency is required). FMI on voter registration, absentee ballots, or to see a sample ballot, call (207) 604-1326 or visit: www.kennebunkmaine.us/election.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOAN CLOSET



In October of 2017, the Town's Committee on Aging opened a Medical Equipment Loan Closet providing free, durable medical equipment for loan to anyone in need.

This lending program enjoyed immediate success with hundreds of pieces of equipment used throughout our community. Recently, a local aging advocacy group in town, No Place Like Home, stepped up to offer to manage this program and coordinate its operations.

The Town, and in particular, the Committee on Aging is deeply appreciative of this group's commitment to continue this program. Those wishing to borrow or donate equipment can contact No Place Like Home by calling (207) 558-2270, or learn more by visiting their website: www.nplhmaine.org.

• Updated Town Hall Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. •

Help With Heating Costs is Available

You may be eligible for [heating assistance](#) (HEAP) to help with your winter heating bills if your household income is considered to be low or very low under federal guidelines.



Contact York County Community Action at (207) 324-5762 to schedule a phone interview to apply.



Home Weatherization Programs

Weatherization programs are available which help fund improvements to make your home more energy efficient and comfortable. Improvements may include home insulation, caulking, weather stripping, and heating system repair or replacement. **You may qualify for assistance with weatherization projects through one of the following:**

-  Habitat for Humanity's Keep ME Warm program: (207) 985-4850 or www.habitatyorkcounty.org/weatherization
-  Window Dressers Insulating Window Inserts: (207) 596-3073 or www.windowdressers.org
-  York County Community Action's Weatherization program: (207) 324-5762 or <https://yccac.org/weatherization>

News from Kennebunk Free Library...

The Kennebunk Free Library continues to adapt!

In addition to expanding our online services and digital collections, we continue to assist one-on-one as well. You can call or email us with your requests or questions. If you do not have access to transportation or you are in an at-risk category we can deliver materials directly to your residence.



Curbside pickup remains available and In-Library Browsing begins September 1.

FMI and hours, call (207) 985-2173, e-mail kfl@kennebunk.lib.me.us, or visit kennebunklibrary.org.

Kennebunk Select Board July 14, 2020—June 30, 2021



L. Blake Baldwin (Chair), Wayne Berry (Vice Chair), Shiloh Schulte (Secretary), Edward Karytko, William Ward, Jr., Frank Paul, Peter Brewitt and Town Manager Michael Pardue

Homestead Exemption (4/1/2020 Changes)

As of April 1, 2020, the homestead exemption allows for a **\$25,000** reduction in property valuation. Current taxpayers who are receiving the homestead exemption will not be required to reapply for this exemption unless specifically requested by the Assessor's Office. If you have owned a home in Maine for 12 months prior to April 1st, and this is your primary residence, you may go to

www.kennebunkmaine.us/exemptions

and download the form. Paper copies of this application are also available at the Assessor's office. Please note, a valid driver's license with current address matching the address for which the exemption is being claimed is required.

The Select Board meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. on the 3rd floor of Town Hall. All [meeting agendas](#) are posted in Town Hall and on the [website calendar](#). Meetings are also broadcast live on cable TV channels 5 & 1302 as well as streamed live and archived for viewing anytime at www.townhallstreams.com.

Time To Renew Dog Licenses



All dogs 6 months and older must be licensed annually with the Town Clerk's office or online (www.maine.gov/dogs). **Current licenses expire annually on December 31st** and new licenses for 2021 will be issued in the office starting **October 15th**. Please bring proof of a current rabies vaccination. Licensing can also be renewed via mail. Send current rabies certificate along with a check for \$6 for each spayed or neutered dog or \$11 for each non-altered dog to: **Town Clerk's Office, 1 Summer Street, Kennebunk, ME 04043.**

