

KENNEBUNK CURRENTS

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Three Town Officials Announce Retirement

Town Manager Michael Pardue outlined his intent to retire in mid-November of 2022. Pardue began his duties as Town Manager in December 2016. As a proponent of succession planning, he feels it is important a new Town Manager has the opportunity to develop the next municipal budget. Pardue pledges to “work diligently” to ensure a smooth transition. “I look forward to the many projects we have pending and helping bring those to fruition.”



Fire Chief Jeff Rowe announced that he will be retiring on June 24, 2022 after 45 years in the fire service. Chief Rowe has served as Kennebunk’s Chief since May, 2014. Prior to being appointed in Kennebunk, he served as the Fire Chief in Sanford.



Deputy Chief Michael Nugent submitted his intent to retire, effective May 2, 2022. Deputy Chief Nugent was hired as Kennebunk’s Deputy Chief on January 11, 2016, after serving 20 years with Westbrook PD, where he held the rank of Captain at the time of his departure.



Congratulations and thank you all for your service to the Town!

Would you like to serve as a Municipal Official?

Nomination papers will be available on March 4 for the following offices:

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

To get your name on the ballot for the June 14 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 by 4:30 PM on April 15. FMI contact the Town Clerk’s Office at 985-2102 Ext.1602.

Community Wanderer Board

Do you have a loved one who wanders? The Kennebunk Police Department is encouraging residents to add a photo of their loved ones to our ‘Community Wanderer’ board. This is for all ages.



The board will be in the common area for Police personnel to view and will contain photos with pertinent information about individuals who may wander. The board will not be visible to the public.

This may allow staff to recognize a wandering resident out in the community and possibly before a family member even knows they are missing!

Please submit photos no larger than 4" x 6" along with emergency contact information and information on the wanderer such as physical characteristics, nicknames, condition, and any other relevant information - the more information, the better.

Mail or drop off information to: Officer Candice Simeoni, KPD, 4 Summer Street, Kennebunk ME or email to: csimeoni@kennebunkmaine.us. For more information call 604-1365.

SELECT BOARD

- L. Blake Baldwin**
Chair
- Shiloh A. Schulte**
Vice Chair
- Kortney E. Nedeau**
Secretary
- Sally A. Carpenter**
Member
- Frank G. Paul**
Member
- Lisa J. Pratt**
Member
- William A. Ward, Jr.**
Member

TOWN MANAGER

Michael W. Pardue
The Select Board meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.
Meetings are televised live on cable TV channels 5 & 1302 or via livestream at www.townhallstreams.com

Upcoming Elections

Special Town Meetings and the Recall Election will be held in the Edward C. Winston Auditorium at 1 Summer Street on Tuesday, March 29 from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM. The Special Town Meetings are to vote on: Zoning Amendment on York Street, Contract Zone Perkins Lane, and Recall Election of a RSU 21 Director.

Early voting (absentee) began on February 25. Extended early voting hours will be held Saturday, 3/19 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Sunday, 3/20 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and Thursday, 3/24 until 7:30 PM.

A State Primary, Town Referendum, Town Election and RSU 21 Budget Validation will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 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 at www.kennebunkmaine.us/elections. Early voting (absentee) will start on May 13. Extended early voting hours will be available. Please call the Town Clerk’s office at 985-2102 Ext.1602 for those hours and any other questions you may have.

PLEASE OBEY THE SPEED LIMIT

SLOW DOWN KENNEBUNK

Life will be waiting for you when you arrive.



NEW ONLINE PERMITTING SYSTEM

Apply online for:

- Building Permits
- Electrical Permits
- Plumbing Permits
- Sign Permits

Search for:

- Existing Permits

Apply online at: www.kennebunkmaine.us/permit

May Day Festival 2022

Fun, Family-Friendly Activities!

SATURDAY, MAY 7
DOWNTOWN KENNEBUNK

To volunteer or help plan, contact Linda Johnson at ljohnson@kennebunkmaine.us
FMI visit www.kennebunkmaine.us/mayday

Community Yard Sale

Saturday, May 14th
8:00 AM - Noon
Waterhouse Center,
51 Main Street,
Downtown Kennebunk

SIGN UP TO RENT A 10'X10' SPACE TO SELL ALL OF YOUR NO LONGER NEEDED ITEMS.

FMI: Call the Clerk's Office at: 985-2102 EXT. 1602

Voluntarily register your security camera with the Kennebunk Police Department.

VIRTUAL NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

We are not asking for live access to your camera.

- Create a partnership with KPD
- Help officers investigate crimes more efficiently
- Help solve crimes and keep our community safe.

Call KPD at 985-2102 ext. 1319 to participate or visit www.kennebunkmaine.us/virtualneighborhoodwatch



If unrecyclable materials are inadvertently mixed in with recyclables, the entire container becomes trash. Please review the guide below as a refresher on what can be put into your recycling bin.

Put these in your recycling bin

CARDBOARD/PAPER



Corrugated Cardboard
(Wavy center layer)



Boxboard
(Dry-food boxes, egg cartons, rolls)



Junk Mail, Periodicals, & Office Paper
(Paper bags, envelopes, & catalogs)

PLASTIC

METAL

GLASS



Plastic Bottles, Jugs, Tubs, & Lids
(Empty kitchen, laundry, & bath containers)



Aluminum & Steel Cans
(Foil & empty food & beverage cans)



Glass Bottles & Jars
(Empty food & beverage bottles & jars)

Do not put these in your recycling bin



PLASTIC BAGS
DON'T BELONG



BAGGED RECYCLABLES
DON'T BELONG



CLOTHING/TEXTILES
DON'T BELONG



FOOD WASTE/ LIQUIDS
DON'T BELONG



TANGLERS
DON'T BELONG



SCRAP METAL ITEMS
DON'T BELONG



BATTERIES OF ANY KIND
DON'T BELONG



ELECTRONIC WASTE ITEMS
DON'T BELONG

Kennebunk Parks & Recreation

Registration is now open for Summer Camp 2022! View our current program offerings online at www.kennebunkrec.com

Tennis in the Parks (Youth) Grades 1-8 (Sundays) Spring 5/1-6/5,

Summer 7/10-8/14, Fall 9/11-10/16 **Cost:** \$75 per session

Tennis in the Parks (Adult) Ages 18+ Spring (Sundays) 5/1-6/5, Summer

(Thursdays) 7/14-8/18, Fall (Sundays) 9/11-10/16 **Cost:** \$89 per session

Adult Tap Dance 1 (Saturdays) April 30 – May 21 **Cost:** \$65

Adult Tap Dance 2 (Mondays) April 25 – May 16 **Cost:** \$65

KENNEBUNK FREE LIBRARY www.kennebunklibrary.org



April 9 - Week of the Young Child Performer

May 7 - Faerie Festival

March 21- March 31 - March Madness Online Auction

June - Summer Reading Programs for all ages begin

July 8 - The 25th Edition KFL 5K will be held in-person. We

will also have a virtual option. Registration is now open. We are also seeking sponsorships for this popular fundraiser.

Take and Make kits are available monthly for all ages and we now have a sewing machine that will join our Library of Things.

For more info: Email kfl@kennebunklibrary.org or call 985-2173

Meet the Kennebunk Behavioral Health Liaison



Rachel Schlein

“I’m so excited to be here as the part-time Behavioral Health Liaison with the Kennebunk Police Department. I am here to be a resource in any way I can when it comes to addiction, mental health, and community resource needs. I spend my time co-responding to calls with officers, following up on calls that happen when I’m not here, and being a support and resource to our officers in their challenging work as first responders.

I’ve worked as a social worker for over 10 years, primarily with people struggling with addiction in York County, many of whom were criminally involved. Before that I was a CNA for several years, mostly in hospice work. I’ve been able to work with people of all ages, in their homes, the hospital, and residential treatment, among other settings.

For more information CONTACT: rschlein@kennebunkmaine.us or 207-468-2607.

New Online Burning Permit System

As of January 1, 2022, Kennebunk Fire Rescue instituted a new online procedure for obtaining Burning Permits. To apply, simply visit www.wardensreport.com and complete the permit application. There is no fee for the online permit.



NEW

Kennebunk Fire Rescue also allows Seasonal Permits. These permits are for social fires only, not intended for debris burning or brush type fires. If you have a seasonal permit now, it must be renewed each year. Contact the department about renewal. If you have never had a seasonal permit, call 604-1354 to schedule a site visit. The site visit will entail a review of your location to burn, fire precautions to take while burning, and the State rules about burning. Fire Permits for the two campfire sites at Narragansett Point are permitted daily and can be obtained by visiting Central Station at 1 Summer Street, the day of the burn.

News from the Assessing Office

All new applications for Homestead, Veteran, and Blind Exemptions for all residential taxpayers must be received by the April 1, 2022 assessment date (effective for the 1st half tax bill due in October, 2022).

All business personal property physically located in Kennebunk as of April 1 is subject to taxation annually. What is business personal property? Examples include production machinery and equipment such as industrial tools and machinery; business equipment such as furniture, shelving, desks, photocopiers, telephones and cash registers; electronics such as computers, printers and networking equipment and leased equipment. If you are leasing equipment from another company, you must declare the name of the company, the item(s) you are leasing, the monthly leasing fee and the terms of the lease, as well as the responsible party for the taxes. Deadline for submittal is May 15, 2022. Visit www.kennebunkmaine.us/personalproperty to download the Personal Property Declaration.

BETE (Business Equipment Tax Exemption) are also available at www.kennebunkmaine.us/personalproperty. Please note: BETE does not apply to retail. After completing the forms, please email to: cdoucette@kennebunkmaine.us, or mail to the Kennebunk Assessor’s Office, 1 Summer Street Kennebunk, Maine, 04043. Deadline for submittal is May 15, 2022.

State of Maine Property Tax Deferral Program

The State of Maine Property Tax Deferral Program is a state program that allows qualifying individuals to defer payment of the property taxes on their homesteads until they pass away, move, or sell their property. For more information, please visit www.kennebunkmaine.us/exemptions. Deadline for submittal is April 1.