



MUNICIPAL UPDATES

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SAFER Staff Members Complete Six Months of Employment

Kennebunk Fire Rescue's SAFER staff has successfully completed their first six months of employment and their probationary period. Last year, the Select Board unanimously accepted a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant for \$2.6 million which allowed for the hiring of eight new firefighters and emergency medical services personnel for the department. According to Fire Rescue Chief Justin Cooper, they are all continuing to learn and grow and have become valuable members of the team. Many of them are currently enrolled in classes to enhance their EMS license levels.



Back row left to right: Jordan Bridges, Annabel Doane, Jacqueline Hurlburt, Connor Curran, Cody Jewett, Front row left to right: Kelsey Cummings, Madison Lavoie and Tyler Miglionico.

"The addition of these Firefighter/EMTs couldn't have come at a more needed time with Public Safety departments facing a decrease in the ability to hire and retain members and the hiring of Fire Rescue Per Diem staff becoming very difficult across the state. Without the addition of these members, we would not have been able to even maintain the staffing levels of both of our ambulances, let alone trying to be able to staff a fire engine," said Chief Cooper.

November 8, 2022 Gubernatorial/State & Town Referendum Election

Our next election will be held on November 8th and will include gubernatorial candidates, local candidates (Charter Commission) and state & town referendum questions. The election will be held in the Edward C. Winston Town Hall Auditorium from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Our voter guide will be available in October, and early absentee voting is scheduled to begin the week of October 10th. You can request absentee ballots either online, by calling 604-1326, or in person at the Town Clerk's Office.

In addition to regular office hours, the Town Clerk's Office will be open for early absentee voting on Saturday, October 29, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, October 30, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursday, November 3, from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Dog Licensing for 2023 Begins October 15th

Annual Dog Licensing for the 2023 year will begin October 15th. Per Maine state law, all dogs six months of age or older must be licensed every year. You can register online by visiting www.kennebunkmaine.us/doglicenses or in person at the Town Clerk's Office after October 16th. The fee is \$6.00 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$11.00 for unaltered dogs. If your dog received an updated rabies vaccination, please have your Rabies Certificate handy. You must register your dog before December 31st. A \$25.00 late fee per dog will begin on February 1, 2023.

Town Staff Awards and Recognitions

Congratulations to Town Manager Mike Pardue and Police Chief Robert MacKenzie for being Kennebunk-Kennebunkport-Arundel Chamber of Commerce DRIVE to be the Best award recipients.

Pardue received a Special Recognition Award and was recognized for his work with the Chamber during his service as Town Manager including work with the COVID-19 Task Force and support for new businesses.

Chief Robert MacKenzie was the recipient of the Joel Stevens Community Spirit Award. Chief MacKenzie was recognized for his passionate crusade against substance use disorder, among his many other accomplishments.

Congratulations to Kennebunk Town Clerk Merton Brown for being the recipient of the 2022 Lighthouse Award from the Maine Town & City Clerk's Association. Brown was nominated for the Lighthouse Award by Deputy Town Clerk Katrina Boyer and received the award at the MTCCA annual conference on September 15th.

According to MTCCA, the Lighthouse Award is an honor bestowed on a Maine Municipal Clerk who has been a beacon or light during the year. Lighthouse Clerks are critical for the MTCCA organization and watch out for any rocks or weather which may sink the ship. They are often a pioneer but stand steadfast in the Maine Statute and foundational teachings. Their approach is innovative to get the job done.



Town Manager Mike Pardue & Chief Robert MacKenzie at the KKA Chamber DRIVE Awards



Merton Brown poses with the Lighthouse Award

Current Job Openings

- **Maintenance Worker/Truck Drivers** - Full-time, Public Services
- **Program Coordinator** - Full-time, Parks and Recreation
- **Per Diem Firefighter/Medics** - Variable part-time, KFR
- **Reserve Police Officers** - KPD
- **Just for Kids Club Room Coordinators** - Variable part-time/seasonal, Parks & Rec.

Visit our website for all current openings: www.kennebunkmaine.us/jobs

Employment Updates

- Spencer Stone was promoted to Parks Supervisor.
- Melissa Medeiros was hired as part-time Behavioral Health Liaison/Clinician.
- Matt DuBois became part-time as a Per Diem FF/Medic and Parks Laborer.

Kennebunk Free Library October Happenings

C	Meet and Greet with Pete the Cat - Thursday, October 20, at 3:45 p.m. - Pete the Cat, everyone's favorite feline, is coming to visit. Be ready to take some pictures!
H	Dyslexia Awareness Night - October 24 at 6 p.m. - Join us for a workshop designed to increase awareness of dyslexia. Emily Creteau, speech-language pathologist from Hyperion Language and Learning Services, will talk with parents. Kids are welcome! There will be creative, hands-on literacy activities for children to do while parents attend the workshop.
I	A Not-So-Spooky KenneBOOnk Halloween! Thursday, October 27, at 4:30 p.m. - Join us for a story or two and a craft. Wear your costume for all to see!
L	Not-So-Scary Animal Party, October 11, at 3:45 p.m. - Come learn some interesting facts about animals that can seem scary sometimes! There will be no live animals at this event.
D	Join us on the 11th for Scary Stories and Cider; on the 12th for Mike Lynch with the Camden Conference for "Gold and Global Politics: How the Financial Power of Gold Impacts Politics Past and Present"; on the 18th for Halloween Block Printing; on the 25th for Tiny Art Paint and Sip; and on the 26th for Town Historian Kathy Ostrander Roberts on historical photos. Visit our website at www.kennebunklibrary.org to register and learn more.
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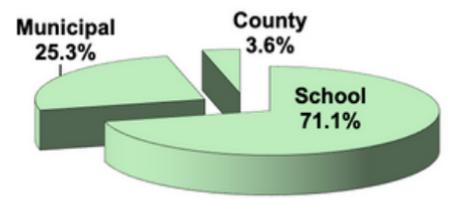
FY22-23 Taxes due October 14, 2022 & April 14, 2023

Tax Reminders

Tips to help us process your payment:

- Please include a telephone number with your payment.
- Mail your payment to: Town of Kennebunk, 1 Summer St. Kennebunk, ME 04043
- Deposit your payment in the lockbox located in the main lobby of the town hall.
- Visit us in person on the second floor of the town hall.
- Credit card payments accepted at <https://epayment.informe.org/payportonline/welcome> (A 2.5% surcharge fee applies.)
- If you sold your property, contact your closing agent to discuss the bill you received.
- If you escrow your taxes, share your bill with your mortgage company.

FY22-23 Tax Allocation



Halloween at KPD is around the corner!

Please consider donating Halloween treats to the Kennebunk Police Department to help with the hundreds of ghosts, goblins and princesses that visit us on October 31st! A box will be available in the lobby of the Police Department where donations can be dropped off or they can be dropped off with front desk staff. See you then!



Halloween Road Closures

The following streets will be closed to traffic on Monday, October 31 from 5 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. to allow for safe trick-or-treating:

- Summer Street from Main Street to Depot Street
- Park Street between Dane Street and Summer Street

REMINDER Tax Stabilization Program for Seniors

The state's new property tax stabilization program went into effect in August and applies to property tax years beginning April 1, 2023. The program provides property tax stabilization for permanent Maine residents aged 65 or older who have owned a homestead (primary residence) in Maine for at least ten years and have or are eligible for the Homestead Exemption.



Applications and information are available in the Assessor's office or online at www.kennebunkmaine.us/exemptions. Applications are due by December 1, 2022 and must be filed annually. If applying in person or by mail, please be sure to have your driver's license or State ID (a copy if by mail) and any supporting documentation showing that you have owned a homestead in Maine for a minimum of ten years, not necessarily consecutive. ****Due to an influx of applications for this program, the Assessing office is currently very busy, and we appreciate your patience during this time.****

HarvestFest 2022

Fun for everyone!

Book Sale 9:00am - 12:30pm Kennebunk Free Library	Costume Parade on Main 11:30am Families and children are welcome to walk in this parade. <i>Costumes are encouraged!</i> Parade lineup at 11am on Water St.
Farmers' Market 8:00am - 12:30pm Garden St. Municipal Lot	Brick Store Museum 10:00am FREE admission to the new exhibit, "The Great State of Maine Illustration," make-your-own scarecrows and add your message to the Museum's Kindness Rock Garden!
Live Music 10:30am - 11:30am - Scharff Brothers 12:30pm - 2:00pm - Dock Squares Tibbetts Plaza	Mousam River Wildlife Sanctuary Nature Walk 10:00am Join arborist and board member Alex Peacock for a trail walk at Mousam River Wildlife Sanctuary, Water Street. FREE and open to the public. RSVP Required. E-mail info@kennebunklandtrust.org
Waterhouse Center Activities 9:00am - 2:00pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Pumpkins for Kids • Guess the Pumpkins' Weight Challenge • Inflatable Obstacle Course • Games & Face Painting • Photo Booth • Scavenger Hunt • Crafters & Food 	Skate Park Demo 12:00pm - 2:00pm Factory Pasture Ln

October 15 Presented by - **Kennebunk Parks & Recreation Department**
 FMI Contact Kennebunk Parks & Recreation 207-604-1335 wreichl@kennebunkmaine.us Food | Live Music | Games

Upcoming Events

Household Hazardous Waste Day - Saturday, October 8 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Kennebunk Public Services Dept. 36 Sea Road Visit www.kennebunkmaine.us/hazmatday for details.
Indigenous Peoples' Day Holiday - Monday, October 10 Municipal offices will be CLOSED. No changes to Trash/Recycling Collection
HarvestFest - Saturday, October 15 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Waterhouse Center
Select Board Outreach Session - Saturday, October 15 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. at Town Hall
Farmers' Market - Saturdays 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. from May 7 to November 19 at Garden Street Municipal Lot
<h3>Meetings</h3>
Select Board Meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. on the 3rd floor of Town Hall.*
Planning Board Meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.*
* Visit www.kennebunkmaine.us/calendars for determination of in-person or remote meeting.