

# KENNEBUNK CURRENTS

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## Annual Town Meeting - Municipal Referendum - RSU21 Budget Validation Election to be held June 13, 2023

The polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day. There will be four ballots: a Local Candidate ballot, two Local Referendum ballots and an RSU21 School Budget Validation ballot. The Voter Guide is available on our website at [www.kennebunkmaine.us/voterguide](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/voterguide) or at the Town Clerk's Office.

Absentee ballots are now available. You can request ballots over the phone at (207) 604-1326, on our website at [www.kennebunkmaine.us/election](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/election), or in-person at the Town Clerk's Office.

In addition to regular office hours Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m., the Town Clerk's Office will also be open for Early Absentee Voting on:

- Saturday June 3rd, 2023 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Sunday June 4th, 2023 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Thursday June 8th, 2023 until 7:30 p.m.



## Kennebunk Fire Rescue Announcements

Kennebunk Fire Rescue welcomes Matt Leach as he begins his new role as Captain. Matt has served in emergency services in varying roles over the last 25 years beginning as a junior firefighter in the Town of Alfred. He most recently served as a Lieutenant with the Biddeford Fire Department, where he was employed for 19 years. Matt has been actively involved in supporting the York County Youth Fire Safety program, working with youth firesetters as a program manager. His passion for community fire safety education and prevention are evident from his work with youth and families. Matt has also recently completed his master's degree in social work, which he pursued based on his work with youth and families through the youth fire safety program.



Matt is committed to professional development not only for himself but for those he has the opportunity to work with. He is very excited to join Kennebunk Fire and Rescue serving in the role as Captain. Moreover, he is excited to meet the members of the department and begin to support the quality emergency care and response delivered by this organization.



We are also pleased to announce that Cody Jewett, one of our SAFER staff members, just became a licensed Paramedic. Congratulations Cody, on this great accomplishment!

## Property Tax Stabilization Program for 65+

The Property Tax Stabilization Program is a State program that allows certain senior-citizen residents to stabilize, or freeze, the property taxes on their homestead. The program was launched by the State of Maine in 2022. We are currently waiting on guidance from Maine Revenue Service on whether there will be changes to the program or the form for yearly re-application. Next year's application is expected to be available in August, 2023.



Check our website [www.kennebunkmaine.us/exemptions](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/exemptions) for updates or sign up to receive notifications via email or text by clicking on the **Notify Me** button on our home page [www.kennebunkmaine.us](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us) and subscribing to News Flash and Community Notices.

## Do you like meeting new people? Do you have a few hours to spare during the week?

Kennebunk offers a transportation program for older adults to get where they need to go when they cannot drive called The Kennector. We are looking for volunteers to sign up to drive people to the grocery store, medical appointments, the bank, and other places within a 15 mile radius of Kennebunk. Volunteers have the option to receive reimbursement for miles driven. For older adults in our community this program is a lifeline and volunteers can meet new people and help others at the same time. Please contact the Ride Coordinator at (207) 604-1366 to sign up!



## Staff Updates

Congratulations to Whitney Sabelawski who was promoted from Office Coordinator to Assistant Parks & Recreation Director. Welcome to new staff members Katharine Yvonne, Assistant Town Clerk, and Matthew Leach, Fire Captain/Paramedic!

### Current Job Openings

- Part-time Bus Drivers, Parks & Rec
- Part-time Board Clerk - Charter Commission
- Full-time Police Officers, PD
- Full-time Office Coordinator, Parks & Rec
- Full-time Facilities Supervisor, Public Services



To learn more please visit [www.kennebunkmaine.us/jobs](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/jobs)

## Kennebunk Free Library Happenings

Our summer reading program, for all ages, begins on Monday, June 26, with a 60's kickoff party. The fun will then continue until August 19 and include events like an author talk with Carey Kish, author of Beer Hiking in New England, Teen Tie Dye Party, Stuffed Animal Adoption, and lots more!

KFL's 5K is coming up fast. It will be held on Friday, July 14, at 6:00 pm. New this year, and included with your registration, is a delicious menu from Crocutx at Garden Street Bowl. Not into racing? You can still join the crowd to cheer on participants, enjoy some food, and listen to the Kennebunk River Band.



For more information and the rest of our program lineup, or to provide feedback, email us at [kfl@kennebunklibrary.org](mailto:kfl@kennebunklibrary.org), call us at 985-2173, or visit us at [kennebunklibrary.org](http://kennebunklibrary.org)



## Manager's Corner

Heather Balser, Town Manager

I hope you made it out to the remarkable May Day celebration and parade last month. The turnout was truly impressive! Additionally, I would like to honor the significance of the recent Memorial Day observance and parade where our community came together to express our gratitude to those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

We are preparing for an active summer in Kennebunk! The Independence Day fireworks display is set for Tuesday, July 4th at the beach at dusk. The rain date is July 5th.

Beach parking passes are now available at Town Hall. Details are on our website at [www.kennebunkmaine.us/beachpass](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/beachpass).

The Artisans Marketplace at the Waterhouse Center and the Farmers Market in the lot at Garden Street Bowl are now open on Saturdays all summer long.

Lastly, I encourage you to come out to vote on the Town and RSU 21 budgets at our next election on June 13th.



## PARKING ORDINANCE CHANGES



The Select Board recently adopted several changes to Kennebunk's parking ordinance. These recommendations were brought forward by the Select Board Ordinance Subcommittee. These changes are now in effect. Please take note of the following streets that are impacted by these changes:

- Grove Street:** On-street parking is now prohibited on Grove Street.
- Pleasant Street:** On-street parking is now prohibited on Pleasant Street.
- Summer Street:** No parking on Summer Street from Main Street (Rt. 1) to the Evergreen Cemetery (Port Road) except for the following locations:
  1. In front of Bibber's Funeral Home #67 (sidewalk side).
  2. In front of the Landing Store #157.
- Port Road (Lower Village):** On-street parking is prohibited in any location other than the designated parking stalls.
- Storer Street:** On-street parking is prohibited except in designated parking stalls.
- Beach Avenue:** Public Services has created additional Beach parking on Beach Avenue (on the Monastery side) across from Fairfield Drive. These spaces will require a beach permit to park from June 15th-September 30th.
- Bruen Place:** On-street parking is prohibited on Bruen Place.

**\*\*Reminder –** Parking is prohibited within twenty (20) feet of all intersections with roads, including fire lanes and private roads. Distance shall be measured from the projected edge of the paved or gravel road surface on each side of the intersecting road. Within ten (10) feet of all driveway entrances and directly across the roadway from any driveway entrance. Parking vehicles on a sidewalk is prohibited per Town Ordinance.

The public can review the changes at [www.kennebunkmaine.us/townordinances](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/townordinances).



## There's still time to take the Climate Action Plan Survey

Please scan the QR code below with your phone's photo app to take this five-minute survey or visit [www.surveymonkey.com/r/KennebunkClimate](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KennebunkClimate)



Paper copies of the survey are available at the Town Office, Kennebunk Free Library, H.B. Provisions and Cummings Market. The deadline to submit the survey is June 20th.



## Upcoming Events

- June 13 - Annual Town Meeting/RSU 21 Budget Validation Election** 6 a.m. - 8 p.m. Kennebunk Town Hall Auditorium
- June 17 - Select Board Outreach Session** 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. Town Hall Room 300
- June 19 - Juneteenth** - Town Offices Closed
- July 4 - Independence Day** - Town Offices Closed  
Fireworks Display at Beach - At dusk - Rain Date July 5
- Artisans Marketplace** - Saturdays 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. from May 27 through October 7 at the Waterhouse Center
- Farmers Market** - Saturdays 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. from May - November at the Garden Street Bowl parking lot

## Meetings

- Select Board**  
**June 13, June 27 - 6:30 p.m** Town Hall Room 301  
**\*Summer Schedule\*** - Select Board will meet **July 11, August 1, August 29**
- Planning Board**  
Meets on the **2nd and 4th Monday** of each month at 7:00 p.m. Town Hall Room 301
- Charter Commission**  
The Charter Commission meets on the **2nd and 4th Wednesday** of each month at 6:30 p.m. Town Hall Room 301