

KENNEBUNK CURRENTS

Town of Kennebunk, 1 Summer Street, Kennebunk, Maine 04043 207-985-2102 www.kennebunkmaine.us

State Referendum & Kennebunk Sewer District Referendum Election

Our next election is scheduled for Tuesday, **November 7, 2023** in the Edward C. Winston Town Hall Auditorium from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. There will be a State Referendum ballot, and those residing within the Sewer District will also receive a ballot to increase the debt limit. The Voter Guide will be available at the Town Clerk's Office or online at www.kennebunkmaine.us/election.

Absentee ballots are available starting October 10th. You can request a ballot/vote early in one of the following ways:

- Complete an online request form at www.kennebunkmaine.us/election (PDF) and your ballots for the November 7th election will be mailed to you.
- Call 207-604-1326 and request that one to be sent to your mailing address.
- Come in to the Town Clerk's Office to vote in person or take ballots home to all in your household.

The absentee ballot drop box located near the side entrance to Town Hall will be available starting October 10th. This is a secure 24-7 opportunity to submit your ballot which requires no postage. You can also return your ballot in person to the Town Clerk's Office or mail your ballot back to us (requires two postage stamps).

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 October 28th from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Sunday October 29th from 10 a.m. – 12p.m.
- Thursday November 2nd until 7:30 p.m.

**Election Questions?
Call the Town Clerk's Office
207-604-1326**

Annual dog licensing begins October 15, 2023

Per State law, all dogs six months of age and older must be licensed every year by January 31st or a \$25 late fee per dog will apply. Dogs that have been spayed or neutered are \$6 each; unaltered dogs are \$11 each. Register your dog online at the State of Maine's website. Submit the required information with payment, and we will mail the license and tag to you. You may also register at the Town Clerk's Office. Please remember to bring your current Rabies Certificate with you. If registering by mail, please send a note with your name, address, telephone number and dog's name along with a copy of the rabies certificate and a check payable to the Town of Kennebunk. We will mail the dog license and tag to you.



Are your trash and recycling containers in need of some TLC? Do you have broken lids, broken wheels, cracked containers?

Call the Department of Public Services at 207-985-4811. We will replace your broken parts or bring you a new container, if needed.



Important LD 290 (Tax Freeze) Information!

Tax bills have recently been mailed. For those who filed and were approved for the Tax Stabilization Program, you will see the frozen tax amount reflected in your tax bill. Please take note, LD 290 has been repealed going forward, so the freeze will only be in place for this year. For more information, please visit: www.kennebunkmaine.us/freeze.

**FY23 Tax due dates:
October 13, 2023 & April 12, 2024**

Tips to help us process your payment:

- Please include a telephone number with your payment.
- Mail your payment to the Town of Kennebunk, 1 Summer St, Kennebunk ME 04043.
- Deposit your payment in the lockbox located in the main lobby of Town Hall.
- Visit us in person on the second floor of Town Hall.
- Online payments accepted at <https://epayment.informe.org/payportonline/welcome> (Requires a credit card. 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.

Climate Planning Focuses on Actions

The Kennebunk Climate Action Plan Task Force has begun to evaluate specific climate actions to include in the Town's proposed plan. Actions under initial consideration include:



- Promoting and educating residents, businesses, and visitors about the Town's current "No idling" policy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the Town's carbon footprint.
- Partnering with Efficiency Maine to help residents connect to low-cost ways to weatherize their home, helping with heating and cooling efficiency.
- Encouraging renewable energy generation – such as rooftop solar and geothermal – in residences, municipal and school properties by removing obstacles to development/installation.
- Conducting a municipal and school energy audit – implementing energy efficiency measures.
- Promoting design standards for new and re-development that incorporate resilience and sustainability measures.

Visit www.kennebunkmaine.us/captf to learn more about how Kennebunk is preparing for climate change.

Kennebunk Free Library Happenings

- **1-2-3, Play With Me!:** Thursdays (10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2) at 10:00 a.m. – Play, meet new friends, and connect with resource professionals. (Children ages 0-4 and their grown-ups)
- **HarvestFest Book Sale:** Saturday, 10/14 – 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- **Halloween Storytime:** Wednesday, 10/25 – 4:30 p.m.– Enjoy a story or two, make a craft, and wear your costume for all to see!
- **Wine Tasting:** Wednesday, 11/15 – 6:30 p.m. – More info coming soon.
- **Holiday Wreath Sale** fundraiser coming soon.

For more information and the rest of our program lineup, or to provide feedback, email us at kfl@kennebunklibrary.org, call us at 985-2173, or visit us at kennebunklibrary.org



Manager's Corner

Heather Balsler, Town Manager

I am pleased to announce that the Kennebunk Police Department has received accreditation through the Maine Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (MLEAP). MLEAP is a comprehensive program that sets standards for law enforcement in Maine. Attaining accreditation through MLEAP means that the agency meets or exceeds the 162 identified standards for Maine law enforcement agencies. These standards assist agencies in the efficient and effective delivery of service and the protection of individual's rights. Representatives of the Maine Chiefs of Police & Dirigo Safety presented this award to KPD at a recent Select Board meeting.

We are looking forward to this year's HarvestFest on Saturday, October 14, in Downtown Kennebunk! This event will be full of fun, family-friendly activities for all to enjoy! Activities will include inflatables, games, music, a parade and more! I hope you can join us.

Staff Updates

NEW HIRES

Town Hall:

- Bryan Laverriere, current Public Services Director, became the Assistant Town Manager/Public Services Director
- Shawn Grover, new full-time Lister/Appraiser
- Meghan Rochefort, new full-time Community Development Administrative Assistant

Police:

- Patricia Ledoux, new part-time Behavioral Health Liaison
- David Brown, new full-time Police Officer

Fire Rescue:

- Steven Nasta, new full-time Firefighter/Paramedic, starts on 10/17/2023
- Denise Nessmann, new full-time Firefighter/Paramedic, starts on 10/19/2023
- Matthew Dubois, goes from Per Diem to full-time Firefighter/AEMT on 10/19/2023
- Nathaniel Jewett, goes from Per Diem to full-time Firefighter/EMT on 10/19/2023
- Colin Ayer, goes from Per Diem to full-time Deputy Chief of Operations, on 10/9/2023.



OPEN POSITIONS

- Facilities Supervisor, Public Services
- Police Officers, KPD
- After School Counselors, Parks & Rec
- Per Diem Firefighter/EMT, Advanced and Paramedics, KFR



www.kennebunkmaine.us/jobs

Do you:

- ✓ Live on a private way?
- ✓ Participate in the Town's curbside collection program?
- ✓ Bring your totes to the nearest public way (cross street) for pick up?



If you answered YES to ALL of the above, Please review the Town ordinance below:

Public Safety and Health; Section 3-14, Section VI; Sub-section G: Section VI: Regulation of Acceptable Waste, Recyclables and Residential Compost G) Time for Setting Out Solid Waste, Recyclable Materials and Residential Compost Containers shall be allowed to be put out for collection 24 hours preceding collection. Collection begins at 6:00 a.m. each collection day and the town will not make return trips for containers not put out prior to the actual pick up time. Containers must be removed from the curb or town right of way the same day as collection.

HarvestFest

LIVE MUSIC Saturday, October 14th Downtown Kennebunk

BOOK SALE FOOD INFLATABLES GAMES PARADE

Details at www.kennebunkmaine.us/harvestfest

Fire Prevention Annual Open House

Saturday, October 14th 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

West Kennebunk Fire Station

Fire Truck Rides Meet First Responders
Demonstrations Sparky the Fire Dog
Explore Emergency Vehicles Food & Games

Upcoming Events

- Harvestfest** - Saturday, October 14, Downtown Kennebunk 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Fire Prevention Annual Open House** Saturday, October 14, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the West Kennebunk Fire Station
- Select Board Outreach Session** Saturday, October 21, 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. 3rd Floor of Town Hall
- Artisans Marketplace** - Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. through October 7 at the Waterhouse Center
- Farmers Market** - Saturdays, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. through November at the Garden Street Bowl parking lot

Meetings

- Select Board**
2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Town Hall Room 301
- 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



Town Hall Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM