

KENNEBUNK CURRENTS

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Join us for a Short-Term Rental Informational Meeting

The Town of Kennebunk will host an Informational Meeting on Short-Term Rentals to discuss the proposed Short-Term Rental Ordinance and hear feedback from the public. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 300 at Town Hall.



Short-term rentals, defined as any dwelling unit that is rented for less than fifteen (15) days, have a longstanding presence in Kennebunk. The market continues to expand due to the increasing popularity of online rental platforms. As we experience this continued growth in short-term rentals, the Town is dedicated to upholding the safety of these units for its residents and visitors.

With safety as a priority, the Town's Ordinance Review Subcommittee has drafted a Short-Term Rental Ordinance which includes a proposed registration and inspection process.

Following this informational meeting, the Ordinance Review Subcommittee will consider feedback, present the ordinance amendments to the Select Board and the Select Board may then decide to send it to the voters for final consideration.

We want to hear from you! Review the draft of the proposed Short-Term Rental Ordinance and supporting documents at www.kennebunkmaine.us/str.

Attention Kennebunk Businesses

Did you know...

- Kennebunk is home to over 600 businesses!
- Most of these are small businesses (or even 'micro', less than 10 employees)!
- Most new jobs are created by businesses that are already here!

The Town of Kennebunk wants you!



That is, we want our businesses to continue to thrive here in Town. The Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) program looks to further develop the relationship between businesses and local government. It helps the Town understand challenges facing the larger business community and identify issues to specific sectors in the local economy. It increases awareness about resources for businesses including building connections to local suppliers. It helps coordinate efforts to improve our commercial areas and creates a place for conversations about the Town's future. If you have a business in Kennebunk and want to participate email: infobre@kennebunkmaine.us

Skate Swap

December 9th at the Waterhouse Center

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

(11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Swap Only
12 p.m. - 1 p.m. Swap and Sell)

Skates are \$10 a pair. The Town Clerk's office is accepting both used skate donations & monetary donations to purchase additional skates. Call 604-1326 for more info.

REMINDER: REGISTER YOUR DOG BEFORE DECEMBER 31ST

Don't forget to register your dog before December 31st in the Town Clerk's office or online. A \$25 late fee per dog will apply starting February 1st.



Visit www.kennebunkmaine.us/dogs for more information.

- There is no overnight parking on any public street from November 1 to April 1 between the hours of 1 a.m. - 5 a.m. Parking bans outside these hours will be called for as needed to allow for snow removal. You can sign up on the Town's website under the *Notify Me* section to receive an email or text notifications.

- Do not shovel, snow blow or snowplow your driveway into or across the road, this is prohibited by law (Title 29-A M.R.S.A. 2396(4) and could result in a fine between \$25-\$500.

For more helpful winter tips, please visit our website: kennebunkmaine.us/winter



Climate Action Plan Task Force Update

Kennebunk & Kennebunkport's Climate Action Plan Task Forces facilitated a business owners breakfast at the Nonantum Resort on November 16th to share information about progress in each town and to hear their concerns and suggestions regarding the development of potential strategies to be included in the Climate Action Plans.



The CAP Task Force has been working hard on the first draft of the plan, bringing draft language for feedback to the business community and the volunteer Community Sounding Boards. The Task Force expects to have a draft for widespread feedback in January. Go to www.kennebunkmaine.us/captf to learn more about the Task Force.

Kennebunk Free Library Happenings

- **Come join us for our Gift Wrap Exchange!** From November 1 to January 5, there will be a box in the mezzanine labeled "Gift Wrap Exchange". To participate, simply take a roll and leave one in its place. We do ask that you only bring wrapping paper that is unused and still on the roll.
- During the month of December, youth services will have all the supplies you need to decorate a gingerbread person at home. Kits will be available starting December 1, and will be available while supplies last.
- Why should kids have all the fun? Adult gingerbread-house making is December 2 and 9 at 2:00 p.m.. Block Printing for adults is on December 4 and 11 at 6:00 p.m.. Registration required.
- **New to Our Library of Things:** We recently added a LightKeeper Pro, a device that repairs incandescent light strings, extending their life, keeping them out of landfills, and lowering your holiday decorating stress!

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

Happy Thanksgiving! Kennebunk will be kicking off the holiday season with the annual tree lighting in Rotary Park on Saturday, November 25th at 5:00 p.m. Please note this year it takes place in Rotary Park and not Tibbett's Plaza.

Christmas Prelude also begins on November 30th. This year there will be Free Shuttles from Sea Road School from 3:30-10 p.m. on both Fridays and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on both Saturdays. The shuttle will bring you to Village Marketplace, where you can catch the Intown Trolley or walk to nearby festivities. This will allow you to park for free and let a comfortable, heated Custom Coach bring you to the heart of the action!

Visit www.christmasprelude.com for details.

Kennebunk has an immediate need for members on the following Boards:

Budget Board

Energy Efficiency & Sustainability Comm.

Historic Preservation Commission

Planning Board

Site Plan Review Board

Zoning Board of Appeals



Visit www.kennebunkmaine.us/committees to fill out a Community Volunteer Form.

Staff Updates

NEW HIRES

Town Hall:

- Crista Haskell, new Deputy Tax Collector
- Ruth Tranter, Assistant Town Clerk

Police:

- Ronald Wood, full-time Police Officer
- Thomas Miskell, full-time Police Officer

Fire Rescue:

- Alex Belanger, full-time Firefighter/AEMT3
- Jamie Mouzas, goes from Per Diem to full-time Firefighter/Paramedic

Come work with us!

OPEN POSITIONS

Full-time Program Coordinator - (Parks & Rec) Apply through 11/22

Full-time Police Officers (3)

Part-time After School Counselors

Per Diem Firefighter/EMT, Advanced & Paramedics

www.kennebunkmaine.us/jobs

The Kennebunk Parks & Recreation Winter Catalog is now online!

Visit www.kennebunkrec.com to view the 2023-2024 Winter Catalog. Register now!

JOIN US FOR THE **40th** ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS IN KENNEBUNK
Saturday, November 25th at 5:00 pm

- ★ SANTA LIGHTS THE CHRISTMAS TREE IN ROTARY PARK ★
- ★ CAROLING PERFORMED BY KHS CHAMBER SINGERS ★
- ★ SKATE WITH SANTA & FRIENDS AT THE WATERHOUSE CENTER ★

*In the event of inclement weather, the event will be canceled. Check www.kennebunkmaine.us for updates.

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

KENNEBUNK FREE LIBRARY
Card Making Center (12pm - 4pm)

BRICK STORE MUSEUM
Meet local author & illustrator Matt Tavares at 10:00AM. Matt will be doing a reading and book signing of his new book Dasher Can't Wait for Christmas. Books will be available for purchase and this event kicks off our Holiday Market (10am - 5pm)

KENNEBUNK BAPTIST CHURCH
Craft Fair & Bake Sale (9am - 2pm)
Chili or Hot Dog Combos (11am-2pm)
Downstairs at 77 Main St. - Entrance on Nason's Court

Upcoming Events

Select Board Outreach Session

Saturday, November 18, 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. 3rd Floor of Town Hall



Christmas in Kennebunk Tree Lighting at Rotary Park

November 25th Downtown Kennebunk 5 p.m.



Christmas Prelude - November 30th thru December 10th

Visit www.christmasprelude.com for details

Town Hall CLOSED for Staff Training

Thursday, November 30, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

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Wednesday, December 6, 6:30 p.m. 3rd Floor of Town Hall

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