

# KENNEBUNK CURRENTS

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## Nomination papers for June 11th election now available

Nomination papers for the June 11, 2024 election are now available at the Town Clerk's Office.

Candidates must obtain at least 25 and not more than 100 signatures from Kennebunk registered voters and return papers to the Town Clerk's Office by 4:30pm on Friday, April 12, 2024. For more information please call the Town Clerk's Office at 604-1326.

The following seats are up for election:

- 3 Select Board Member Positions – 3-year terms
- 2 RSU 21 School Board Director Positions – 3-year terms
- 2 Kennebunk Sewer District Trustee Positions – 3-year terms
- 1 Kennebunk Light & Power District Trustee Position – 5-year term



## FY24 TAX DUE DATE: 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.



### Buy-A-Brick and put your mark on Kennebunk



Purchase a personalized brick at the Waterhouse Center to honor a loved one, feature your business or commemorate a special occasion. These bricks help support the many programs offered at the Main Street facility.

Order forms are available online at [www.kennebunkmaine.us/buyabrick](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/buyabrick) or at Town Hall. Orders received by June 30 will be installed in the fall.



The Kennebunk Parks & Recreation Department's spring program catalog is available to view online! Visit [www.kennebunkrec.com](http://www.kennebunkrec.com) to register.

**KENNEBUNK PARKS & RECREATION**  
**YOUTH EGG HUNT**  
SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024

FREE ENTRY!  
BRING YOUR OWN BASKET!

**NEW EGG HUNT TIMES!**  
AGES 2 & UNDER (10:00 AM - 10:30 AM) WATERHOUSE CENTER  
AGES 3 & 4 (10:45 AM - 11:15 AM) WATERHOUSE CENTER  
AGES 5 - 10 (11:45 AM - 12:15 PM) PARSONS FIELD

**WATERHOUSE CENTER ACTIVITIES! 10:00AM - 12:30 PM**  
EGG HUNT PRIZES LIVE CHILDREN'S MUSIC FOOD  
FACE PAINTING PHOTO BOOTH & MORE!

### Flood Plain Management Ordinance Update

The Town has been notified by the Maine Floodplain Management Program that FEMA is requiring the Town to update the Flood Plain Management ordinance on or before July 17, 2024. The Town will be working on updating this ordinance in March and April in anticipation of sending it to the voters in June for adoption. This ordinance update is necessary for the Town to continue to participate in the National Flood Insurance program, which makes Flood Insurance available to properties located in Special Flood Hazard Areas.

### Climate Action Plan Public Outreach Open House



The Climate Action Plan Task Force is hosting a Public Outreach Open House on Saturday, March 16th, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Town Hall in Room 300. Community members are invited to review the draft Climate Action Plan and give their feedback on the strategies the task force has recommended for the town. Visit [www.kennebunkmaine.us/captf](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/captf). Come enjoy some coffee and snacks with your neighbors and discuss the future resilience of Kennebunk. This is a kid-friendly event, and Parks & Rec will provide child supervision. We look forward to seeing you!

### Kennebunk Free Library Happenings

- **Astronomer Carl Gurtman on the Solar Eclipse:** March 11 at 6 p.m. A free pair of eclipse glasses will be available to everyone attending the program. (all ages)
- **Die Well Death Education Series:** 6 p.m. on March 25 (Why Talk About Death?). Future sessions will be held on April 22, June 24, and July 22, with more to come.
- **Paint and Sip Candle Painting:** March 27 at 6 p.m. Use melted wax to create your design and sip on some wine. (21+)



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 Balsler, Town Manager

The municipal budget process serves as the roadmap for the upcoming fiscal year, which runs July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. It details all of the expenses and revenues on a fund level that are necessary to provide quality services to the residents in the community. Furthermore, it creates a foundation for financial planning and recognizes sustainable solutions to budgetary challenges for that fiscal year.

Budget meetings with the Select Board and Budget Board are currently underway. I encourage you to view the proposed budget, meeting presentations and supporting documents on the website at [www.kennebunkmaine.us/budget](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/budget) or watch the ongoing budget meetings on Cable TV channels 5 or 1302 or online at [kennebunktv.com](http://kennebunktv.com). You can find other streaming options at [www.kennebunkmaine.us/tv](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/tv).

After the budget meetings conclude, the Select Board will hold two public hearings on the proposed budget, which are scheduled for March 26 and May 28, 2024. Residents will have the opportunity to vote on the final budget at the Annual Town Meeting on June 11, 2024.

## Reminders from the Assessing Department

### VETERANS EXEMPTION

All veterans and unmarried veterans' widows should file for exemption by April 1st of any given year\* if all of the following criteria are met:

1. 62 years old before April 1st (widows claim veteran's age)
2. A property owner and primary resident in Kennebunk
3. Other than dishonorable discharge, having served during a recognized war period



\*Does not require annual filing after initial application approval.

### HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

All resident taxpayers wishing to receive the Homestead Exemption must apply by April 1st of any given year.\*

1. Must be legal resident of the State of Maine (Maine residency is based on one or more of the following: registered voter, Maine driver's license, motor vehicle excise tax paid in Kennebunk, etc.)
2. Must have owned a homestead in Maine for the last 12 months
3. Must declare Kennebunk homestead as permanent place of residence
4. Should your permanent residence change, you must notify our office in writing

\*Does not require annual filing after initial application approval.

### PERSONAL PROPERTY

All commercial and industrial firms should file a listing of personal property by April 1st of any given year (automatic extension to file by May 15 of any given year, personal property only). Go to [www.kennebunkmaine.us/personalproperty](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/personalproperty) to file your personal property inventory form online!

## Staff Updates

### Welcome new staff:

- Kevin Rooney, new Police Officer/K-9 Handler

### Thank you to our departing staff:

- Karen Winton, Deputy Director of Community Development
- Kailey Dubuque, HR Recruitment and Benefits Specialist
- Mike Doe, Kennebunk Fire Rescue Firefighter Paramedic



### Open positions:

- Full-time Maintenance Worker/Truck Driver, Public Services, open until filled
- Full-time Town Planner, Community Development
- Full-time Deputy Director, Community Development
- Seasonal Ocean Lifeguards, Fire Rescue
- Seasonal Summer Camp Counselors, Parks & Rec
- Seasonal Community Service Officers, Police
- Per Diem Firefighter/EMT, Advanced and Paramedics, Fire Rescue

Come work with us!  
[www.kennebunkmaine.us/jobs](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/jobs)

## Upcoming Events

### Select Board Outreach Session (Now held quarterly!)

Saturday, March 16th, 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m. Town Hall Room 300

### Climate Action Plan Public Outreach Open House

Saturday, March 16, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Town Hall Room 300

**Youth Egg Hunt Saturday, March 23: Ages 2 & Under** 10 a.m. Waterhouse Ctr. **Ages 3&4** 10:45 a.m. Waterhouse Ctr. **Ages 5-10** 11:45 a.m. Parsons Field

## Meetings

### Select Board

Meets on the **2nd & 4th Tuesday** of each month at 6:30 p.m. Town Hall Room 301

### Planning Board

Meets on the **2nd & 4th Monday** of each month at 7:00 p.m. Town Hall Room 301

### Charter Commission

Meets on the **2nd & 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