

KENNEBUNK CURRENTS

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Short-Term Rental Registration Now Open



The Town Clerk's office is now accepting Short-Term Rental registrations for 2025. Per the Short-Term Rental Ordinance, effective January 1, 2025, any person seeking to operate a short-term rental unit in the Town of Kennebunk shall register the unit with the Town Clerk's office.

Short-term rental units will be inspected by Kennebunk Fire-Rescue. If the short-term rental unit fails to meet the requirements, no registration shall be issued until identified issues are resolved to the satisfaction of the Fire Chief or designee. Download the Short-Term Rental Registration form at www.kennebunkmaine.us/str or visit the Town Clerk's Office to pick up a form. There is a \$250 registration fee.

Checks should be made payable to the Town of Kennebunk. Completed forms must be returned to the Town Clerk's Office.

Winter Fun Facts from the Public Services Department

- ❄️ The Public Services Department is responsible for plowing, sanding & salting 232 lane miles of Town roads, 35 miles of sidewalks, 23 facilities/municipal buildings & 3 public parking lots.
- ❄️ The Town has the capacity to store 300 tons of salt and 5000 yards of sand. The Department has an area designated at the front gate on Sea Road with a winter sand mix (sand mixed with salt) available for residents. Residents can take one 5-gallon bucket per storm.
- ❄️ When removing snow from the mouth of your driveway, push all snow down to the right side of the driveway, this will minimize the amount of snow that will be pushed back into your driveway during plowing operations.
- ❄️ 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.
- ❄️ There is no overnight parking on any public street from 11/01-4/01 between the hours of 1-5a.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 NotifyMe section to receive an email/text notification.

For more helpful winter tips, please visit our website: kennebunkmaine.us/winter. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Public Services at 207-985-4811, Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. If you're calling after hours, please contact Kennebunk Police Department 207-604-1200 and the dispatcher will contact the Public Services Department for you.

News from the Assessing Office

The Town of Kennebunk Assessing Office is beginning initial review of real estate sales in conjunction with the Assessment Update for April 1, 2025. This process involves both office and field review of real estate sales to be used for analysis and determination of assessments for 4/1/2025. Please check back in January 2025 on our website for an updated schedule of activities for the spring and summer. Happy Holidays!



Keep your dog licensed! Register before January 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.

Town Staff Updates

Welcome new staff:

- Lori Judd, Assistant Town Clerk
 - Thomas Merryman, Maintenance Worker/Truck Driver
- To apply visit www.kennebunkmaine.us/jobs



Kennebunk Free Library Happenings

- **Gingerbread Person Decorating Kits** Starting December 2, while supplies last: Pick up a kit including a gingerbread person cookie, icing, and candies to decorate
- **Happy Birth-Tay Party** 12/13 from 3:30-5 p.m. Celebrate Taylor Swift's birthday (ages 5-17)
- **Holiday Block Printing for Beginners** 12/9 at 6 p.m. (18+, registration required)
- **Drop-In Block Printing** 12/10 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. (18+, registration suggested)
- **Worthy Wednesdays at the Burleigh/Kennebunkport Inn** 12/11, 5 p.m. to close KFL receives 10% of proceeds
- **Craft & Sip Pomanders** 12/16 at 6 p.m. Attendees will stud a fresh orange with cloves in a pattern of their choosing to make a fun, festive, and fragrant pomander ball. Adult beverages will be available during your crafting. (21+, registration required)

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



We are gearing up for the holiday season and hope you can join us for the 41st Annual Tree Lighting in Downtown Kennebunk on Saturday, November 30, at Rotary Park. The Parks and Recreation Department has organized lots of fun activities for kids beginning at 2:30 p.m. at Mark's Garage, and provided we have cold enough temperatures, ice skating at the Waterhouse Center. The tree lighting will happen at 5 p.m. at Rotary Park.



We want to make sure the public is aware that the Town's solid waste, recycling, transportation/hauling, and transfer station contracts expire on June 30, 2025, and we are currently considering future options. A public hearing will be held on Dec. 10. We encourage you to participate in the process and look for the latest PAYT, Recycling & Transfer Station Review Subcommittee agendas in our Agenda Center at www.kennebunkmaine.us/paytagendas. Select Board agendas are available at www.kennebunkmaine.us/selectboardagendas.



Budget meetings for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 will begin in February. We invite the public to follow along with these proceedings. Please check www.kennebunkmaine.us/budget for the schedule. All meetings will be broadcast on our local cable channel and livestreamed. Visit www.kennebunkmaine.us/tv to learn all of the ways you can watch or livestream our meetings.

Smoke alarms save lives. Make sure your home has working smoke alarms. The American Red Cross will install FREE smoke alarms and provide free home safety checks. To schedule an installation call 1-800-464-6692 (Option 4) or visit redcross.org/EndHomeFiresNNE

JOIN US FOR THE **41st** ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS IN KENNEBUNK
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

WINTER WORKSHOP
MARK'S GARAGE (2:30PM-4:30PM)

- BUILD-A-SNOWMAN
- FACE PAINTING
- MAKE A SNOW GLOBE
- HOT COCOA CAFE

TREE LIGHTING
*ROTARY PARK (5:00PM) **

- SANTA LIGHTS THE CHRISTMAS TREE
- CAROLING PERFORMED BY KHS CHAMBER CHOIR

SKATE WITH WINTER FRIENDS
PENDING COLD ENOUGH TEMPERATURES
*THE WATERHOUSE CENTER (2:30PM-4:30PM) **

- 10 YEAR WATERHOUSE CENTER ANNIVERSARY PRESENTATION
- SKATING & PHOTOS WITH WINTER FRIENDS
- DJ BRINGING HOLIDAY TUNES

OTHER FUN!

BRICK STORE MUSEUM

TRUCKIN' PIZZA

KENNEBUNK FREE LIBRARY

THE TREAT TRUCK

KENNEBUNK BAPTIST CHURCH

Skate Swap

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Swap only

12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
Swap or purchase

Bring skates to swap OR purchase skates for a minimum \$10 donation 1 pair per person

Skate donations are currently being accepted at the Recreation Dept. or Town Clerk's Office FMI 207-604-1326

Upcoming Events

Saturday, Nov. 30: 41st Annual Christmas in Kennebunk
Winter Workshop at Mark's Garage from 2:30-4:30 p.m.
Skate with Winter Friends at Ice Rink from 2:30-4:30 p.m.
Tree Lighting & Caroling at Rotary Park, 5 p.m.



Thursday, Dec. 5: 5:30 p.m. - Prelude Family Skate Party
Waterhouse Center - Skate to holiday tunes and enjoy the free cocoa bar.

Saturday, Dec. 7: 5:30 p.m. - Lower Village Tree Lighting and Christmas Stroll

Dec. 5 - Dec. 15: Christmas Prelude View shuttle & parking info at christmasprelude.com/parking. View the schedule at christmasprelude.com.

Monday, Dec. 9: The Wreaths Across America Convoy 4-6 p.m. At approximately 8:00 a.m., the convoy will travel along Route 1 passing through Kennebunk on their way to a ceremony at the Wells Jr. High School at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 14: Skate Swap 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Waterhouse Center

Meetings

Select Board: Meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in Town Hall Room 301

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