

KENNEBUNK CURRENTS

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Annual Town Meeting Local Candidate/Referendum/RSU21/Budget Validation Election



June 10, 2025
6:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Edward C. Winston Town Hall Auditorium
1 Summer Street, Kennebunk



Voter Guide

Our voter guide is online at www.kennebunkmaine.us/election and available at the Clerk's Office. The voter guide includes warrant articles, background information/materials, and sample ballots.

Absentee Ballots

We always encourage absentee/early voting. Absentee ballots are available beginning Friday May 9th through Thursday June 5th without a special circumstance. You can request a ballot/vote early in one of the following ways:

- Complete an online request at www.kennebunkmaine.us/election. Your ballots for the June 10th election will be mailed to you.
- Call 207-604-1326 and request a ballot be mailed to you.
- Come in to the Town Clerk's Office once ballots are available and either vote in person or take ballots home to all in your household.

NOTE: If you are currently enrolled to receive absentee ballots, there is no need to request another it will automatically be sent to you for all elections.



Manager's Corner **Bryan Laverriere, Town Manager**

We hope you make it out to vote in the June 10th Election to weigh in on the FY26 Municipal and School Proposed Budgets. Town budget information can be found at www.kennebunkmaine.us/budget and RSU 21 information is available at www.rsu21.net.

Voters will also decide whether or not to eliminate the Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) trash program. We currently use PAYT which requires residents to purchase designated trash bags to dispose of household trash. A "yes" vote will eliminate the PAYT trash bag program and require that solid waste collection be funded solely through the Town's General Fund (affecting property taxes). A "no" vote will keep the PAYT program in place.

Proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance that currently regulate telecommunications facilities are also on the ballot. The amendments involve the tower setback standards and the process for review.

A sample ballot and more information about the above noted items can be found in the Voter Guide at www.kennebunkmaine.us/election.

Beach parking permits are available for purchase at Town Hall for the Summer 2025 Season!

Permits are required from **June 15 - September 15** for **Gooch's Beach, Middle Beach and Mother's Beach.**

RESIDENT BEACH PASSES

- Window Stickers (limit of 3) \$10 each
- Guest cards (limit of 4) \$30 each

Please bring a photo ID for resident verification

VISITOR/NON-RESIDENT BEACH PASSES - NO LIMIT

- Day \$30
- Week \$100
- Season \$200

Community Yard Sale
Waterhouse Center
Saturday, May 17th
8 a.m. - Noon
\$10 registration fee for a 10X10 space
Please bring your own table and chair
No food items may be sold
To register or for additional information call 207-604-1326

Boat & ATV Registrations

Reminder for Boat & ATV registration renewals, it is required that you bring with you your previous registration or your sticker number.

All new recreational vehicle registrations need to be completed in person at the Town Clerk's Office. Please bring your photo ID, necessary paperwork and form of payment: cash, check or card (fees apply). If you haven't already paid Maine Sales Tax at the time of purchase, you will pay that at our office along with the registration fee.

KENNEBUNK'S ANNUAL MAY DAY FESTIVAL

SATURDAY MAY 3, 2025 **8 a.m.-3 p.m.**

- Pancake Breakfast
- Farmers' Market
- Events at Waterhouse Center
- Book Sale & Faerie Festival
- Make-Your-Own-May Basket
- Live Music
- Fishing Derby
- Activities at Chamber of Commerce
- Fun at Rotary Park
- Food Vendors
- Rock Climbing Wall
- Mini Golf at Bubble Garden
- KKW Water District Open House
- Children's Entrepreneur Market

PARADE ON MAIN STREET STARTS AT 1:30PM!

Visit www.kennebunkmaine.us/mayday for schedule.

Climate Action Update

The Climate Action Committee is hosting an Electric Vehicle information session during the May Day Celebration on Saturday, May 3rd.

The Committee will have a variety of electric vehicles on display at the Chamber of Commerce building at 16 Water Street from 9 a.m. to 1p.m. The owners of the vehicles will be on hand to answer questions. The committee will also have information on electric vehicle charging stations and how to have one installed at your home.

Members of the committee will also be providing information and a display on home energy efficiency products in Rotary Park.

Public Safety Announcement: Kennebunk Fire Rescue urges use of UL-certified detectors

After a recent close call with a non-listed carbon monoxide detector that did not properly alert the occupants, Kennebunk Fire Rescue is encouraging the public to look for UL-certified detectors. UL, or Underwriters Laboratories, is a global safety certification organization.

The UL mark assures that a product meets rigorous safety requirements, helping to reduce the risk of fire or electrical shock due to faulty wiring or poor manufacturing.

KFR requires owners of multi-family units, hotels, motels, short-term rentals, and commercial properties where alarm systems are required to utilize listed, tested, and approved detectors and devices. We strongly urge owners of single-family homes to do the same. The small UL mark you see on labels or stamped on products indicates they've been tested and certified for safety.



Town Staff Updates

Welcome New Staff:

Corey Boucher, Maintenance Worker/Truck Driver

Staff Updates

- Kate McQuillen went from full-time to per diem Firefighter/paramedic
- Henry Janosick went from full-time to per diem Firefighter/AEMT

Thank you to our departing staff:

- Shawn Grover, Lister/Appraiser
- Christopher Russell, Lieutenant KPD
- Patricia Ledoux, Behavioral Health Liaison
- Joshua Grzyb, per diem Firefighter
- Shane Enger, per diem Firefighter



SCAN TO APPLY!



- Director of Public Services
- Police Officer
- Behavioral Health Liaison
- General Assistance Administrator
- Seasonal Lifeguard
- Seasonal Community Service Officer

To apply visit www.kennebunkmaine.us/jobs

Kennebunk Free Library Happenings

- **Faerie House Exhibition:** Pick up natural supplies (available now) to make a Faerie House and bring your finished design to the library from April 21-29 to receive a certificate from the Seacoast Garden Club!
- **Die Well Death Education** (4/28 at 6:00 p.m.) We will discuss the film: 'Bury Me at Taylor Hollow' The Basics of a Home Funeral. The film is an unforgettable and hopeful glimpse into an alternative approach to death and dying in America. (56 minutes)
- **Introduction to Color Analysis** (4/30 at 5:30 p.m.) Wearing the right colors will make a huge difference to your appearance, giving you a healthy vital glow. But how do you find the colors that are the best fit for you? Julie Cunningham will teach you how to identify the colors that suit you best.
- **May Day Book Sale** (5/3 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.)
- **Faerie Festival** (5/3 from 9:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m.)

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

Maine is Replacing its Chickadee Plates in 2025

Starting May 1, 2025, the BMV will no longer issue standard license plates with the chickadee design. Anyone who currently has plates with the chickadee design will be required to obtain new plates when their registration is due to be renewed. New plates will be issued at the Town Hall for re-registrations only.

Registrants who would like to keep their current chickadee plate numbers may reserve their plate number for a \$25 one-time fee. This includes vanity plates. Non-chickadee plates will not have the option to reserve.

There are four ways registrants may reserve their plate(s).

1. Online via the stand-alone reservation portal at maine.gov/online/reservemyplate
2. Online via the BMV Rapid Renewal website.
3. In person at a BMV branch location.
4. By mailing the application to reserve a plate to the State Administrative Office.



News from the Assessing Division

- We continue to receive income and expense questionnaires from our commercial, industrial, and apartment property owners. We thank you for your assistance in this effort.
- Residential sales review and land and buildings analysis continue through the springtime.
- Building permit visits and review are ongoing now that we are past the winter season.
- For those required to file Personal Property returns, the deadline is May 15th.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 3: May Day Downtown Kennebunk 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
View the schedule at www.kennebunkmaine.us/mayday

Artisans Marketplace: May 24th - Oct. 4, 8 a.m. - 3 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



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