

# Kennebunk Currents

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## Kennebunk Parks & Recreation Excited to Add Adult Enrichment Programming

Kennebunk Parks and Recreation is pleased to announce that it will be adding adult enrichment to its already expansive list of programs beginning in the fall. RSU 21 approached the Town with the idea of assuming the administration of its adult enrichment curriculum, as a means to continue this wonderful offering at the local level.

The department envisions that several hundred members of the community will utilize this service. The cost of salaries, administration and materials will be offset by charging participants a fee for each class. It is the department's intention to keep many of the most popular course offerings while also adding new options for participants to enjoy. Please contact the Recreation Director at [tpinkham@kennebunkmaine.us](mailto:tpinkham@kennebunkmaine.us) or 207-604-1335 to share any new and exciting programming ideas you may have.

More information regarding adult enrichment program offerings will be available in the fall/winter/spring recreation catalog that is sent out to Kennebunk residents or online in late August at [www.kennebunkrec.com](http://www.kennebunkrec.com).

## Property Tax Assistance for Seniors

Kennebunk residents who are homeowners or renters and age 62 or older may be eligible for a supplemental property tax credit.



Applications are available at Town Hall and must be submitted by July 1<sup>st</sup> each year. View the [Property Tax Assistance Ordinance](#) or download an [application](#) at [www.kennebunkmaine.us/TaxHelp](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/TaxHelp).

## Important Message from Kennebunk Fire Rescue & Kennebunk Police Department



KFR & KPD would like to remind residents and businesses that have fire, security or sprinkler systems



that Town Ordinance requires the installation of a "Knox Box" security key box at your building. These devices store a key to your building and assist the Police and Fire Rescue to better serve you, should you not be immediately available to allow access. FMI please contact the Fire Rescue Department at 207-604-1355.

## TOWN VOTE: JUNE 12, 2018



A State Primary, State Referendum, Town Referendum, Town Election and RSU 21 Budget Validation vote will be held on **Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>** in the Edward Winston Auditorium at Town Hall from 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Absentee balloting will begin on May 14<sup>th</sup>.** Extended absentee voting hours will be available. All information concerning this election will be posted on the Town website by mid May. The same information is also available at the Town Clerk's Office in booklet form for you to take home to better understand the many ballot questions you will be asked to vote on.

Visit [www.kennebunkmaine.us/elections](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/elections) for extended absentee voting hours and election information or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 207-604-1326.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY AS A MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL?

*Nomination papers will be available **March 2, 2018** for the following offices:*

- Three Selectmen for 3-year terms
- Two RSU 21 Directors for 3-year terms
- Two Kennebunk Sewer District Trustees for 3-year terms
- One Kennebunk Light and Power Director for a 5-year term

To get your name on the ballot for the June 12<sup>th</sup> Town Election, each nominee must obtain nomination papers from the Town Clerk's Office and receive a minimum of 25 signatures (maximum of 100) from Kennebunk residents who are registered voters.

Nomination papers must be returned no later than **April 13<sup>th</sup>** at 4:30 p.m. Information about any of the above positions can be obtained by calling the Town Clerk's Office at 207-604-1326.

## Committee Volunteers Needed

The town is looking for members to serve on various committees. To view the list of vacancies or to learn more about committees, visit [www.kennebunkmaine.us/committees](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/committees) or call 207-604-1308.

We'd love to hear from you!

To receive updates on the Town's Economic Development Committee activities, subscribe to "Kennebunk@Work," the EDC's quarterly newsletter. The January issue features news in three categories: **Historic** - the visit by Lafayette to Kennebunk in 1825 and how early citizens fought fires and the penalty if they didn't; **Current** - growth and development along Route 1 North and Route 1 South; and **Future** - a welcome to new businesses, plus comments by Robert Georgitis, EDC Chairman and a tribute to the Goose who welcomes visitors to the Town Hall. To sign up visit: [www.kennebunkmaine.us/KennebunkAtWork](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/KennebunkAtWork).



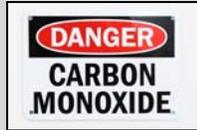


Did you know that car and truck emissions are the largest contributor of air pollution generated in Maine? The Kennebunk Board of Selectmen adopted a clean air, no idling policy in May of 2009 for non-commercial, private passenger vehicles on public ways and public parking areas. Find the full policy at [www.kennebunkmaine.us/NoIdle](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/NoIdle).

*Kennebunk Emergency Management would like to remind you:*

**WHEN THE POWER GOES OUT,  
KEEP YOUR GENERATOR OUTSIDE!**

Portable back-up generators produce the poison gas carbon monoxide (CO). CO is an odorless, colorless gas that kills without warning. It claims the lives of hundreds of people every year and makes thousands more ill.



*Follow these steps to keep your family safe.*

- Never use a generator inside your home or garage, even if doors and windows are open.
- Only use generators outside, more than 20 feet away from your home, doors, and windows.



**Resident Recreation registration for summer activities begins on May 10. To view and sign up for the activities offered, visit [www.kennebunkrec.com](http://www.kennebunkrec.com) and look for your catalog in your mailbox!**

**4th Annual Community Yard Sale**

*If you have stuff to sell then we have the venue for you!*

Join us on **Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** at the Waterhouse Center for a community yard sale from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. A 10x10 space is just \$20 to rent (*electricity and table not provided*) and applications are available in the Town Clerk's Office. Space is limited so reserve your spot today!



FMI: 604-1326 or [mbrown@kennebunkmaine.us](mailto:mbrown@kennebunkmaine.us)



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The Kennebunk Board of Selectmen meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. on the 3rd floor of Town Hall. Meetings are televised live on Cable TV's Channel 5 & 121.2 and also streamed live or on demand at [www.townhallstreams.com](http://www.townhallstreams.com).

*Did you know that Town ordinances are posted on our website? Visit [www.kennebunkmaine.us/ordinances](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/ordinances)*

**20<sup>th</sup> Annual May Day Festival**

On Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> downtown Kennebunk will be filled with fun, family friendly activities. To volunteer or be a part of the planning, contact Linda Johnson at [ljohnson@kennebunkmaine.us](mailto:ljohnson@kennebunkmaine.us) or visit [www.kennebunkmaine.us/mayday](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/mayday).



*News from the Assessing Office:*

All new applications for Homestead, Veteran and Blind Exemptions for all residential taxpayers must be received by **April 1, 2018**.

In addition, all **business personal property** physically located in Kennebunk as of April 1<sup>st</sup> is subject to taxation annually. What is **business personal property**? Examples include production machinery and equipment such as industrial tools and machinery; business equipment such as furniture, shelving, desks, photocopiers, telephones and cash registers; electronics such as computers, printers and networking equipment and leased equipment. If you are leasing equipment from another company you must declare the name of the company, the item(s) you are leasing, the monthly leasing fee and the terms of the lease, as well as the responsible party for the taxes.

**Personal Property Declaration and BETE (Business Equipment Tax Exemption) forms are available at:**

<http://kennebunkmaine.us/PersonalProperty>

**Please note: BETE does not apply to retail.** Once completed BETE and Personal Property Declaration forms must be emailed to [cdoucette@kennebunkmaine.us](mailto:cdoucette@kennebunkmaine.us) or, mailed to the Kennebunk Assessing Office, 1 Summer Street, Kennebunk, Maine 04043 by **May 15, 2018**.

**KENNEBUNK FREE LIBRARY NEWS**

► KFL is seeking individuals with a passion for their local library to apply to join the **Board of Trustees**. There are currently openings available and leading up to our new fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2018, we'll also be on the lookout for additional trustees. This is a very exciting time for KFL. We have just entered a new strategic planning process which will result in a visionary five-year plan. Would you like to bring your ideas and skills to the table? For more information on how to apply, please visit us at 112 Main Street, call us at 985-2173 or find us online at <http://kennebunklibrary.org>.



► Save the date for the **21<sup>st</sup> Edition Library Road Race**. Our largest fundraiser will be held this year on **Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>**. *Online registration coming soon!*