

# Kennebunk Currents

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## TOWN VOTE: JUNE 11, 2019

A Town Referendum, Town Election and RSU 21 Budget Validation vote will be held on **Tuesday, June 11<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 10<sup>th</sup>.** Extended absentee voting hours will be available. All information concerning this election will be posted on the Town website by early 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.

## 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



With winter season upon us, do not forget to shovel your second way out. Often times we forget about other doors if we just use our side door all of the time. During a fire the closest door may be your front door. Shovel it out so you can **GET OUT!**

### **Other things to be mindful of during the winter...**

- Check on your neighbors.
- Do not warm up your car in the garage, this could lead to carbon monoxide poisoning.
- When clearing the snow from your car, do not forget to clear the roof.
- Shovel out the hydrant close to your house.
- Clear snow away from outside heater vents.
- Have your furnace checked annually.

FMI please contact Kennebunk Fire Rescue at 207-604-1355 or visit our website [www.kennebunkmaine.us/firerescue](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/firerescue)

### **Kennebunk Parks & Recreation Department**



**Resident recreation registration for summer activities begins on May 9.** To view and sign up for the activities offered, visit [www.kennebunkrec.com](http://www.kennebunkrec.com) and also look for our catalog in your mailbox!

On November 2, 1993 the Town of Kennebunk adopted a sign ordinance to regulate the use of this vital mechanism and ensure public safety and well-being within its borders.

Sign permits are required by the ordinance and can be issued for temporary or permanent signs with some exemptions for limited uses (POST OFFICE NUMBER, DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE, NO TRESPASSING, SUBDIVISION SIGN NAME, e.g.). This information is available on the Community Development Page of the Town of Kennebunk website. ([Article 10 Section 7 - Signs](#))

### **The intent of the ordinance is to:**

- 1) Support and compliment land use objectives outlined in the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance.
- 2) Equitably distribute the privilege of using public environs to communicate private information.
- 3) Safeguard public use and nature of its streets and sidewalks.
- 4) Enhance visual environment of the town.

If you are contemplating using a sign and have questions, please contact the Community Development, Planning & Codes Office at 985-2102 or e-mail at [bpaul@kennebunkmaine.us](mailto:bpaul@kennebunkmaine.us).



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

*Nomination papers will be available March 1, 2019 for the following offices:*

- Two 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 District Trustee for a 5-year term

To get your name on the ballot for the June 11<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 12<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.

## 5th Annual Community Yard Sale

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

Join us on **Saturday, May 18<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*). 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)



## 21<sup>st</sup> Annual May Day Festival

On Saturday, May 4<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).

## Healthy Lawns, Healthy Kennebunk

Did you know that applying chemicals to your lawn is unhealthy to Kennebunk's waters, wildlife and to you? There is a better way to have a good, healthy lawn.

FMI: [www.yardscaping.org](http://www.yardscaping.org)



- \* **Keep grass long** at 3 inches or more for vigorous roots and to shade out weeds.
- \* **Leave the clippings** as they can be used as a high-quality, low-cost fertilizer.
- \* **Fertilize sparingly** as lawns older than 10 years need only clippings. When needed, apply in September.
- \* **Got Weeds?** Overseed with perennial ryegrass or white clover all season long.
- \* **Got Bugs?** Overseed with insect-resistant fescue grasses or use beneficial nematodes, fungi, or bacteria to kill the bugs.
- \* **No Rain?** Water wisely. If needed, water once or twice a week with a deep soaking (1-1½ inches).



## Board of Selectmen

Standing L to R: Wayne Berry, L. Blake Baldwin (Vice Chair), William Ward, Jr., Edward Karytko

Seated L to R: Shiloh Schulte, Richard Morin (Chair), Christopher Cluff (Sec.)

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 1302 and also streamed live on demand at [www.townhallstreams.com](http://www.townhallstreams.com).



Town Manager  
Michael Pardue

## News from the Assessing Office:

All new applications for Homestead, Veteran and Blind Exemptions for all residential taxpayers must be received by the **April 1, 2019** assessment date.

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:**  
[www.kennebunkmaine.us/PersonalProperty](http://www.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, 2019**.

## KENNEBUNK FREE LIBRARY NEWS

► Our 2019-2024 strategic plan is now available on our website and at the library.

FMI: [www.kennebunklibrary.org](http://www.kennebunklibrary.org).

► We now have a telescope available to lend out and we once again have access to the e-book and e-audiobook platform OverDrive.

► All are welcome to attend our monthly Mindful Meditation sessions as well as our Week of the Young Child Family Festival on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

► Save the date for the **22<sup>nd</sup> Edition Library Road Race**. Our largest fundraiser will be held this year on **Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**. **New for 2019**, prizes will go to the top male and female in the following age categories: 14 & Under, 15-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60-69. *Online registration coming soon!*



## Join the Conversation!



The Town has launched an interactive online forum to help residents better connect with the Town. The "*Community Voice*" allows residents to submit ideas and suggestions and communicate with Town officials through our website.

This is a timely venture since the Town is currently working through a revision to its Comprehensive Plan. A Comprehensive Plan is a document that contains information, community resources and creates strategies for development based on a community's wants and needs. At this stage of the process the Town is looking for the public's feedback on the Plan. In order to generate discussion on the topics covered in the Plan, several questions have already been posed as a starting point for a conversation on the Community Voice page.

Residents can participate at their convenience by visiting and logging in to [www.kennebunkmaine.us/CommunityVoice](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/CommunityVoice).