



ALEXANDRIA TODAY SEPTEMBER 2016 EDITION

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Recycling Committee 9/16



Recycling is contagious; You set the example, and others will follow

Money in our Pockets

July savings including glass [\$381] were \$547. This puts our total year to date savings for the year at just over \$850. We expect that we'll see some fluctuation from month to month depending on prices fetched for aluminum, copper, and scrap metal; however, we're not looking for any major changes before the end of the year. We are also keeping a close eye on the market for glass. As more and more uses for recycled glass are developed, the demand should increase and with it, the price paid by the vendors. The recycling market will rebound, but until it does, we need to be mindful of the important role each of us plays in protecting our environment and preserving our precious non-renewable natural resources. Your continued enthusiasm and support of your recycling program is greatly appreciated – recycling does have a positive impact and benefits all of us.

Everyone Does Make a Difference

Unless your compost pile is located in a place where you can control the temperature, you can expect the process to take longer during the colder winter months. Microbes responsible for the breakdown of organic matter can remain active in the compost pile because of the heat generated by the bacteria; however, when the temps cool down, aerobic bacteria become less active, microbial activity slows, and the oxidation process takes longer. Additionally, a compost pile needs the right amount of air and water (in addition to carbon and nitrogen) to be successful, so when that winter snow buries your compost pile, air flow is restricted and moisture content may be excessive; these conditions also affecting the oxidation process.

There are measures you can take to protect your pile from the elements and keep it viable further into the winter months:

- 1. Build a roof.** Control external environmental factors by protecting your compost pile from unwanted precipitation; cover it with a tarp or build a pitched roof.
- 2. Block it in.** Holding units are an alternative to heap piles. Build a protective barrier around your pile. If you already compost in some type of holding unit, make sure that it's covered. Even if you don't have a holding bin, putting a tarp over your compost pile not only protects it from unwanted precipitation, but it also helps contain the internal heat in the pile.
- 3. Make a bigger pile.** If you don't have a holding unit for you compost, enlarge the pile. Because volume is a factor in retaining compost pile heat, the University of Illinois Extension, suggests; "during [the] fall months, making a good sized heap will help the composting process work longer into the winter season."
- 4. Shred it.** According to the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, "Shredding the material in the pile to particles less than two inches in size will allow [the pile] to heat more uniformly and will insulate it from outside temperature extremes."
- 5. Suspend outdoor composting.** You can hold your compost material and create a worm bin to handle your food scraps [excluding dairy products, meat, grease, or animal fat]. A worm bin is an easy solution, doesn't require much space, easy to create, and very efficient. Reuse an old dresser drawer, build a box out of wood or find/buy a plastic bin; the approximate size should be 16" x 24" x 8". For wooden bins, line the bottom and sides with plastic [an old shower curtain or plastic garbage bag works well]. Instead of soil, composting red worms live in moist newspaper bedding. Information for the purchase of red worms and preparation of the bin can be found on the internet or local library.

In the end, it is always important to consider what type of system works best for you. The area available for composting, along with the time commitment you are willing to give, all impact the type of composting system that would work best for you. Always do your research when looking to start, continue, or try a new type of composting system.

Source: <http://compost.css.cornell.edu/worms/steps.html>
<http://earth911.com/home-garden/guide-to-composting-in-the-winter/>



Reusing Makes Good

Here are more ideas for reusing every-day items which might otherwise end up in a landfill:

If you have an old or broken washing machine that you don't use anymore, you can repurpose it into a cool fire pit for your backyard. Instructions for converting it can be found at: <http://diyprojectsandcrafts.com/ideas-of-how-to-reuse-common-household-items/3/>



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CALENDAR PICTURES. Enamel shabby wastebaskets and paste on calendar pictures for new decor. (Scenic ads and posters can also be used.) Shellac over the pictures for longer wearing and washability.

IRONING BOARDS. Strip it of padding and paint or enamel it. Then decorate it with stencils or with Swedish or Pennsylvania-Dutch folk designs and use it for a snack table; or lower it for a typewriter or sewing table. Covered with a removable sheet of plywood, and it can serve as a cutting or paste-up table for sewing or wallpaper.

RUBBER SCRAPS. Old hot-water bottles, inner tubes, worn out waders or rubber boots, etc. can be reused by cutting up and sewing pieces under corners of throw rugs to anchor them. Strips can be attached to overalls or jeans as kneeling pads for gardeners. Use a strip over the edge of a porcelain kitchen table to protect the tabletop when using a meat grinder.

TEAPOTS. Have you a cracked teapot that won't hold tea? Slip a tumbler into it, and use it for a pretty flower container; or forget the tumbler, and use it as a plant holder.

TOOTHBRUSHES. Use it to clean keyboard keys and to get the dust and lint out of your sewing-machine parts. Use a soft one to scrub the raised pattern on your silverware. Use one in combination with suds and ammonia to give a sparkle to cut glass. It will also aid you in cleaning waffle irons and stove burners and in hard-to-get-at crevices. It will also be useful in getting the mud off the edges of boots and shoes.

VENETIAN-BLIND SLATS. Make an even small picket fence or individual slats can be easily converted into garden markers. They make good stirring sticks for dye or paint and can be held against an edge to give you a straight edge while painting or protect the surface that you are not painting.

Comments and suggestions are welcome, and can be submitted via email to: steve.whitman@hotmail.com; with the author's permission, comments may be printed in subsequent issues.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector



NH STATE PRIMARY VOTING

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

The New Hampshire State Primary will be held at Alexandria Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH.

The polls will be open from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Please be sure to bring your ID with you.

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be closed on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 for the State Primary Elections.

The Alexandria Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 to make additions and corrections to the checklist. The session will be held from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Alexandria Old Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road, Alexandria.

Selectmen's Office

Property for Sale:

The Town of Alexandria will accept sealed bids on a parcel of property identified as Map 419 Lot 2, consisting of 2.04 acres located off Burrough Road. The successful bidder is required to merge the lot with an adjacent parcel and is being sold as is without any reference to access rights. The successful bidder must present a certified check to the Town within ten days of the issuance of the Letter of Award and will receive a Quitclaim Deed in return.

Bids will be accepted until 4:00 pm on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 47 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH 03222. The Town of Alexandria reserves the right to accept or reject any/all bids for any/all reasons. Questions may be directed to the Selectmen's Office at 603-744-3220 or alexandrianh@metrocast.net

Property Assessments:

Avitar Associates has completed its meetings with property owners who disputed the information on the new assessment cards. If you met with Avitar, you should receive a follow up letter. Anyone having concerns about their values at this point should wait until the second issue tax bill is sent, then file for an abatement. Abatement applications will be available in the Selectmen's office and on our website (www.alexandrianh.com/page65.php) after the second issue tax bill is sent.

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Community Events

17th Annual AVFD

Deputy William E. Corliss Memorial

PIG ROAST

September 3, 2016

5:00 pm at the

Alexandria Fire Station

Join us for the 17th Annual AVFD Deputy William E. Corliss Memorial Pig Roast sponsored by the Alexandria Volunteer Fire Fighter's Association. Saturday, September 3, 2016 at 5:00 pm at the Alexandria Fire Station, 158 Washburn Road, Alexandria.

Menu: Roast Pork, Salads, Beverages & Homemade Desserts

Adults: \$14.00 Children under 12 yrs: \$5.00

Tickets available at the door



HAYNES LIBRARY

Open on Mondays from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm and 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
33 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH 03222 (603) 744-6529

24th Annual New Hampshire Marathon at Newfound Lake

Saturday, October 1, 2016

Races start at 9:00 a.m.

Races include a marathon around Newfound Lake, Half Marathon & 10K Road Race. We also have a Fine Arts & Craft Show, health walk & kids race as part of the day's events!

For more information visit www.nhmarathon.com or call 603-744-2713



7 TH ANNUAL "RUN YOUR BUNS OFF" 4.2 MILER SET FOR SEPTEMBER 3, 2016

Come Run Your Buns Off this Labor Day weekend in beautiful Bristol, NH and reward yourself at the finish line with one of *NH's Best* sticky buns! This unique, fun-filled 4.2 mile course starts/finishes near the shore of beautiful Newfound Lake and you will experience a community event at its finest.

You can register for the Run Your Buns Off 4.2 Miler online today at www.lightboxreg.com/buns_2016. For more information or to download a brochure/registration form, visit www.basicingredientsnh.com.

Newfound Area School District Meeting Schedule

*This calendar is up to date as the publishing of this newsletter. Please visit www.sau4.org to check the calendar.

Monday, September 12th at 6:30pm: School Board Meeting at NRHS

Wednesday, September 14th at 6:30pm: Budget Committee Meeting at NRHS

Monday, September 26th at 6:30 pm: School Board Meeting at NRHS

Meeting minutes, newsletters, alerts and other helpful information is updated on the Town's website on a regular basis.

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Office Hours

Selectmen's Office – 744-3220

Monday: 8 am to 4 pm
Tuesday: 11 am to 6 pm
Wednesday: 8 am to 4 pm
Thursday: 8 am to 4 pm
Friday: CLOSED

Town Clerk/ Tax Collector – 744-3288

Monday: 9 am to 4 pm
Tuesday: 9 am to 7 pm
Wednesday: 9 am to 4 pm
Thursday: 9 am to 4 pm
Friday: CLOSED

Transfer Station

Monday: 8 am to 12 pm
Wednesday: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday: 8 am to 4 pm

Police Department 744-6650

Chief Donald Sullivan
When dispatcher picks up, give dispatcher your message. They will page an officer on the radio. Cell phones are not reliable locally.

Highway Department – 744-6516

Jeff Cantara, Road Agent

Planning Board – 744-8986

Deliberative Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm, 6pm during winter months (November thru March)
Open 1 hour prior to meeting .
Items to be included on the agenda must be received 21 days prior to the meeting.

Town Committees/Commissions

Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission meets the 4th Wednesday of the month in the conference room at the municipal building.
To contact the Conservation Commission:
e-mail: alexandrianh@metrocast.net
Phone: 603-744-3220
Mail: 47 Washburn Road
Alexandria, NH 03222

Recycling Committee

Please send your suggestions, tips, and comments to: steve.whitman@metrocast.net or call 744-3596. Thank you for recycling.
A Reminder: Anyone wishing to receive electronic copies of committee business conducting electronically or meeting minutes can do so by providing me with an email address. Sent to: alexandrianh@metrocast.net

FIRE PERMITS

Category I & II fire permits can be obtained in the Selectmen's Office (603-744-3220), but you will need to provide a copy of the previous year's permit in order to get a permit for the current year.

All other burn permits are available from the following:

Fire Warden: Mark Chevalier 603-455-1591
Deputy Fire Wardens:
Dave Ogden 603-744-9056
Jeff Cantara 603-744-6516
Tom Moore 603-744-6516
Or contact: Robert Duquette, George Clayman, Fran Butler, Ken Patten, Fred Platts

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Meetings are held in the Conference Room at the Municipal Building unless otherwise noted. This meeting schedule is current as of date of printing. Please check website for any changes to the schedule.

Tuesday, September 6, 2016: 6:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday, September 6, 2016: Budget committee Meeting immediately following Selectmen's Meeting

Wednesday, September 7, 2016: 6:00 pm Town Moderator meeting with Selectmen, Supervisors of Checklist, Town Clerk and Ballot Clerks to discuss new election laws.

Tuesday, September 13, 2016: NH State Primary held at Old Town Hall, 47 Washburn Road. Polls open from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Tuesday, September 20, 2016: 6:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting

Wednesday, September 21, 2016: 7:00 pm Planning Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 27, 2016: 6:00 pm Budget Committee meeting with Selectmen, Transfer Station Supervisor, Planning Board, and Treasurer to review 2017 Budget requests

Wednesday, September 28, 2016: 6:30 pm Conservation Commission Meeting

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