



ALEXANDRIA TODAY NOVEMBER 2017 EDITION

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Alexandria Recycling Committee 11/17

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



Money in our Pockets

In September, our recycling program again showed a savings. For the month, we showed a net savings of \$365. This savings includes \$572 in scrap metal revenue. With the September revenue, our savings through the first 9 months of the year now stand at \$3050 – but it keeps moving in the right direction. The impact of the tightening China markets continues to influence the price of recyclable materials worldwide and keep prices unstable. As I remind you every month, we routinely monitor prices being paid for recycled materials, and we will continue to do so and work with our vendors to obtain the most favorable arrangements. We are actively looking at way in which we can modify our transfer station facilities to accommodate additional items, improve the efficiency in handling them, and increase the profitability realized when we sell them.

As I reported last month, after careful consideration, it was deemed by the selectmen that renewing the transfer station lease for an additional 3 years at our current location was in the best interest of the town. Although we are somewhat limited by space constraints and limitations on structural additions on the property, there are still improvement that can be made which will allow us to expand our recycling efforts and enhance our revenue generating capabilities. We will keep you advised of our plans in future newsletters. Also, look for a notice of an upcoming Waste Management Committee planning session to be held sometime before the end of the year.



What's New at the Transfer Station? It's been a quiet month at the transfer station, as Tony and the crew prepare for the winter season. We have noticed that there has been an increase in the number of plastic bags being thrown in the co-mingled bin [plastic and tin]. A reminder, plastic bags are not recyclable at the transfer station; they can be recycled at many grocery and department store which are setup specifically to handle these bags, but they do require special processing and cannot be mixed in with other plastics. As winter approaches, the contents in our containers freezes and retrieval of foreign objects that contaminate the material, such as plastic bags, is more difficult. Please do not throw your plastic bags into the container; empty the contents into the container and either take the empty plastic bag to the compactor with your solid waste or dispose of it in one on the barrels provided next to the bin. Thank You.



Everyone Does Make a Difference

Glass is one of the most sustainable consumer materials since it never loses its integrity during the recycling process and is infinitely recyclable. In the United States, we dispose of enough glass every two weeks to fill a skyscraper larger than the Empire State building. Glass never decomposes which makes it a landfill's worst enemy. However, those very qualities make it ideal for certain applications with only minimal processing requirements. Crushed glass is becoming more and more popular for use as roadbeds and other landfill operations known as "landfill layering". Crushed glass can also be mixed with surface topping materials for roads and parking lots or used a sandblasting grit. Crushed glass can be used for many things as a substitute for sand [beaches excluded]. However, glass recycling is a vexing problem for a lot of haulers and municipalities. The material weighs a lot and it's worth a little. Many have ultimately decided that the expense of collecting and recycling the material isn't worth it. However, advancing technology has made it possible to recycle glass profitably and several start-up companies have emerged. One of these companies is Momentum Recycling. The company is based in Salt Lake City and it launched a glass processing plant in that city in 2013. With the backing of local manufacturers and users of recycled glass, the company built a successful operation in Utah and now it has expanded that business model to Colorado.

Operating both plants has entailed Momentum learning about the best technologies and understanding the needs of each community and its end users. In Salt Lake, glass must be collected separately, calling for public drop off sites and curbside collections with a bin for comingled recyclable waste and a separate one for glass. In Denver glass goes into single-stream bins and is sent to a recycling facility to be sorted and cleaned. Because the raw material arrives at Momentum's processing plants with only basic preparation having been completed, different design processes for manufacturing are necessary.

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Momentum is not a recycling processing facility; it is a company using recycled glass to produce products made from recycled glass. Unlike companies that merely crush the glass and sell it as such to contractor and municipalities, Momentum creates new products, such as new glass bottles and jars, water filtration systems, and fiberglass. Each product produced has its own needs and specifications and requires a different process, and a different preparation of the raw material [recycled glass]. Momentum is pioneering ways for companies to use recycled glass as the raw material for multiple new products. Let's hope that as more companies follow in Momentum's footsteps, the demand for recycled glass will increase, and our dependence on foreign markets at outlets for recyclable materials will decrease.



As always, creative ideas for recycling or reusing items and interesting articles or websites offering recycling ideas are always welcome, as are comments and suggestions about the newsletter articles. Please submitted your comments via email to: steve.whitman@hotmail.com; be sure to state "recycling material" in the subject. In some cases, with the author's permission, comments may be printed in subsequent issues. Thank you all for your continued support; thanks to you our program is working.

Transfer Station



Transfer Station Hours:

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

Please remember to plan your arrival 15 minutes before closing time to allow time to dispose of items before closing time.

Police Department



For the Month of September 2017 the Alexandria Police handled the following:
4 suspicious incidents, 5 Disturbances (including Domestic), 3 fire Department Assists, 2 civil standbys, 17 other Misc. calls for service
The following criminal offense were investigated:
5 Stalking, 2 Witness Tampering, 1 Theft, 1 Identity Fraud, 1 Criminal Mischief, 1 DWI, 16 Violations of a Restraining order, 2 Operating after Suspension,
We also stopped 22 vehicles.
A lot of time of time was spent investigating the 2 witness tampering and multiple stalking and violation of restraining order cases.



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Highway Department

Policy Regarding Availability of Sand:

Sand is available for use by the citizens of Alexandria for Alexandria properties. Sand piles are located at the Transfer Station (29 Smith River Road) and behind the Municipal Building (47 Washburn Road)

- Residents of the Town of Alexandria are allowed to fill up five 5-gallon buckets with sand for use on their own property
- Sand available at the Transfer Station will be available only during regular business hours of the transfer station
- The filling of pick-ups or other trucks and use by contractors is prohibited.

Sand will no longer be available behind the old highway garage on Washburn Road.

The removal of sand from the Alexandria Highway Garage on Mundy Road is prohibited. Access to this facility is for employees only.

Other Local Events/Organizations



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

TTCC Jingle Mingle 5K *Give the gift of Recreation*

Saturday, December 2, 2017

WHAT: A Tapply-Thompson Community Center **5K Fun Run/Walk** to help us raise funds for 'Program Scholarships' for local youth.

WHEN: Saturday Dec. 2nd

TIME: 9:30am Registration 10:00am Race Start

WHERE: Race will begin and end at the Tapply-Thompson Community Center – 30 North Main St Bristol

COST: \$20 pre-register by 12/2 – \$25 day of race ; Kids 15 & under are \$5
(no shirt for kids – can be purchased separately for \$10)

INFO or to REGISTER: 744-2713, ttcc@metrocast.net



ONE STOP CHRISTMAS SHOP FOR KIDS

FOR: Kindergarten-8th Grade

WHEN: Tues, 11/21 & Fri, 11/24, 4-7pm

WHERE: TTCC Downstairs

This event is an opportunity for children to do their Christmas shopping for family & friends in one stop. Younger children are assigned a helper that will keep them within their budget. Many different items for parents, siblings, grandparents, teachers & friends. Items cost from 25 cents to \$5

THIS IS A KID ZONE ONLY!! Parents must wait outside the room, no peeking!



**American
Red Cross**

Together, we can save a life

BLOOD DRIVES RED CROSS

Monday, November 27, 2017

Tapply Thompson Community Center

30 North Main Street, Bristol, NH

8:00 am to 1:00 pm

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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 6pm
Open 1 hour prior to meeting.
Chair, Merry Ruggirello
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 at 6:30 pm 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 or 603-848-1852
Tom Moore 603-744-5386
Fred Platts 603-744-2229 or 603-744-2190
George Clayman 603-254-7345
Robert Duquette 603-744-9819

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Please check website for up-to-date meeting schedule

Tuesday, November 7, 2017: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Thursday, November 9, 2017: Budget Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, November 15, 2017: Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, November 21, 2017: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, November 29, 2017: Conservation Commission Meeting at 6:30 pm

All meetings are held in the Conference Room at the Municipal Building (47 Washburn Road) and open to the public unless otherwise noted. Selectmen: All appointments and agenda items for Selectmen's meetings must be submitted to the Selectmen's Office by 4:00 pm the Thursday before the meeting. The Selectmen hold work sessions as needed at 5:00 pm prior to the meetings.

Planning Board: Items to be included on the agenda must be received 21 days prior to the meeting.

Town Offices Closed on Thursday, November 23 in observance of Thanksgiving.

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