



## ALEXANDRIA TODAY JULY 2018 EDITION

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Recycling Committee 07/18



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

### Money in our Pockets

May was another plus savings month, although not nearly as good as April; we had a net savings for the month of \$145. In May, we did not have any revenue generated from scrap metal or aluminum cans, or any glass credits. Our total saving through May stand at \$7,173, which puts us on track for an annual savings of over \$15,000.

Hauling and processing fees continue to rise as the market for recycled materials continues to fluctuate; however, Tony is doing an excellent job to ensure that we are operating at the optimum level of efficiency and obtaining dependable service from our vendors servicing the transfer station.

Your continued use of your recycling program saves us money over the long haul and has a positive impact.



### What's New at the Transfer Station?

Summer is here [at last]. Tony would like to remind residents that transfer station stickers are required and can be picked up **free of charge** at the transfer station during normal business hours. If you are a landlord, please remind your renters that they may be asked to provide evidence that they are renting property in town when they use the transfer station. A suggestion would be that you include a signed note by you indicating the renter's name and the address of the property in the rental packet or instructions you provide the renter(s) – thanks for your help.

**August** is the month for hazardous waste collection locally. There are some changes this year and residents should familiarize themselves with the bulletins posted at the transfer station, the municipal building, town hall, and on our town's website. Please take advantage of this opportunity to dispose of unwanted hazardous waste safely.

A reminder to our full-time residents, summer residents, and renters; the transfer station accepts used propane tanks sizes 20# to 100# for recycling free of charge. We'll also take that old BBQ grill off your hands. If you need help unloading an item, ask one of the staff for assistance.



### Everyone Does Make a Difference

Country wide, cardboard box recycling percentages have fallen off significantly. Cardboard box recycling took a turn for the worse during the holiday shopping season in 2016. Usually, waste paper collection centers are flooded with cardboard after Christmas; that was not the case in January 2017, they got less. That period was a turning point for retail America, when the explosion in online shopping spurred by Amazon's free two-day shipping for Prime members and aggressive strategies by rivals such as Walmart and Target set off wave after wave of retail store closures.

Before the dramatic increase in online shopping, the cardboard shipping boxes were delivered to retail stores. Workers at the local retail store would unpack and store the merchandise and load the flattened boxes into a machine that bound them into bales that the stores could resell. Groceries and big-box stores recycled 90% to 100% of their cardboard. With the growth of the online order business, items are generally shipped individually vs. in bulk as was the case with deliveries to retail stores, and the shipping boxes now go to the consumer, and it now becomes their responsibility to break down and recycle them – few consumers recycle all their cardboard, mostly because it's a hassle. Nationally, consumers recycle back only about 25% of their cardboard for reuse. Without enough cardboard sent to recycling centers to be used to create new boxes, manufacturers will need more timber. Currently, recycled content and new timber resources each make up about half of what's needed to manufacture a corrugated box.

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Online retailers are dealing with the problem by reducing the amount of cardboard used in the shipping process. Ten years ago, Amazon introduced 100% recyclable packing, so products can ship in their original packaging and don't need to be put in a second box for shipping. That reduced the number of boxes by 500 million over the decade. Note: Amazon also uses paper tape, so boxes can be easily composted. Walmart increased its number of box sizes from 11 to 27, to use optimum size boxes for shipping, thus reducing the amount of cardboard used to get something to the customer.

In Alexandria, we have tried to make recycling cardboard easy; we don't require cardboard to be segregated from other paper products and we don't require that it be flattened [although it is very much appreciated when you do break it down for us]. We make it as easy as possible for you to recycle your cardboard boxes and hope that you will continue to take advantage of the recycling program.

**Source:** *Full of Scrap*, June 2018, published by NRRA



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](mailto: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.

### Police Department

For the period of 5/1/18 through 5/31/18 The Alexandria Police handled 47 calls for service, made 4 arrests and stopped 55 cars.

The arrests included charges of Operating after suspension, Domestic violence Simple Assault and Felony Level Domestic Violence Criminal Threatening, and two bench warrant arrests. Crimes that were reported/investigated include Domestic Violence, Simple Assault, Theft, Credit card Fraud, Narcotics Violations, OHRV violations, abandoned vehicles and nuisance Dogs.

The misc. calls for service includes animal complaints, department assists (mostly to the fire department/ambulance) found hypodermic needles, motor vehicle complaints, suspicious vehicle calls, Vin Verifications as well as several others.

As always, these statistic cannot include all of what we do to include search warrants, court time, proactive patrol, general assists to citizens, training, etc.

Thank You

Donald E. Sullivan  
Chief of Police

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## 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



### SWIM WITH A MISSION: NEWFOUND LAKE

<http://swimwithamission.org/>

Please join us for an open water swim festival to honor our Veterans on Saturday, July 14, 2018 at beautiful Newfound Lake in Bristol, NH, the cleanest lake in the Northeast U.S.A. Enjoy a day of competition, live military demonstration, music, food, and more. Last year's event drew over 2000 attendees and raised over \$370,000 to support our Veterans.

**Event details and schedule Date:** Saturday, July 14, 2018

**Distance:** 1K, 5K and 10K individual and a 10K team relay.

**Location:** Wellington State Park on Newfound Lake, Bristol, NH

## Newfound Lake Region Association Events

[www.newfoundlake.org/events](http://www.newfoundlake.org/events)

July 12, 2018 – Stargazing with NH Astronomical Society

8:30 to 11:00 pm at Ash Cottage, Hebron. Bring your telescopes and binoculars!

July 21, 2018 – Around the Lake Sailing Race

1:00 pm start. If you would like to participate, contact Andrew Veilleux at 603-744-8689 or

[nlra.andrew@metrocast.net](mailto:nlra.andrew@metrocast.net). If you don't have a sailboat, please register anyway. We will find a boat for you to join!

## Alexandria Town-Wide Yard Sale

Saturday, August 11, 2017 (coincides with Alexandria Church Fair)

Maps will be available at town hall on Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> for pick up.

Deadline for registration to be included on the map is Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Can register at town hall or call Melanie Marzola at 217-7469 or email information to

[166sargent@metrocast.net](mailto:166sargent@metrocast.net). Please be sure to provide your name, address, telephone number and email address if available.

### 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:* 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm  
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

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### Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission meets the last Wednesday of the month in the conference room at the municipal building.

To contact the Conservation Commission:

e-mail: [alexandrianh@metrocast.net](mailto:alexandrianh@metrocast.net)

Phone: 603-744-3220

Mail: 47 Washburn Road  
Alexandria, NH 03222

### BURN PERMITS

**Burn permits can now be obtained online - <http://www.nhfirepermit.com/>**

All categories of burn permits are also available in the Selectmen's Office during normal business hours.

**Before burning, please check the daily predicted fire danger.**

Visit [www.nhdfi.org/Community/Daily-Fire-Danger](http://www.nhdfi.org/Community/Daily-Fire-Danger)

*The daily fire danger rating may also be obtained by calling the Division of Forests and Lands wildfire information line (toll free): 1-866-NH-FIRES (866-643-4737)*

### ALEXANDRIA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

158 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH

PHONE: (603) 530-2229

FAX: (603) 744-3165

Emergency: 911

[fire@alexandrianh.com](mailto:fire@alexandrianh.com)

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

*\*Please check website for up-to-date meeting schedule\**

Tuesday, July 3, 2018:

Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, July 4, 2018:

Town Offices Closed in observance of Independence Day

Tuesday, July 17, 2018:

Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm

Tuesday, July 17, 2018:

Public Hearing on Declaring Healey Road an Emergency Lane immediately following 6:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting

Wednesday, July 18, 2018:

Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, July 25, 2018:

Conservation Commission Meeting at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, July 31, 2018:

Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 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.*

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