



ALEXANDRIA TODAY JUNE 2019 EDITION

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Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office

2019 Wellington State Park Beach Passes

Passes will be available after June 1st in the Town Clerk's office and are available only to Alexandria residents and taxpayers.

Adults ages 12+: \$6.00
Children ages 6 to 11: Passes are required for each child but at no charge

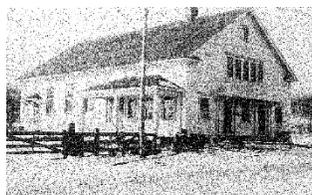
Children ages 0 to 5: Free, no passes needed
NH Residents over 65: Free with a NH driver's license

To purchase by mail, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with a list of names and ages with a check for the correct amount made payable to Town of Alexandria.



Payments for tax bills can now be made online via electronic check or credit card by visiting our website at alexandrianh.com and clicking on the "Property Taxes Review/Pay Online" button. Service Fee: We are using Invoice Cloud to process your actual payment. To cover the cost of the transaction, Invoice Cloud charges a service fee, the amount of which depends on the method by which you choose to pay and the costs to Invoice Cloud associated with processing that type of transaction. Electronic checks (ACH) are charged a flat fee of \$0.95 per transaction. Credit and debit cards are charged 2.95% of the amount being paid. For instance, if you are paying \$100 by credit card, the service fee will be \$2.95. **Making a Partial Payment?** Partial payments can be made by adjusting the Payment Amount on the Check Out Page.

Alexandria Historical Society



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Historical Picture Display

Come see pictures that we have and bring some of your own to share.

June 5, 2019 at 7:00 pm

Alexandria Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH

Selectmen's Office

Low & Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief Program:

REMINDER: APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO THE STATE BY JUNE 30TH

Applications for the Low & Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief Form (DP-8) are available. The Low & Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief program was designed to lessen the economic burden of the State Education Property Tax on certain at-risk taxpayers.

An eligible applicant for the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief is a person who is:

- Single with adjusted gross income equal to or less than \$20,000; or
- Married or head of NH household with adjusted gross income less than or equal to \$40,000; and
- Owns a homestead subject to the State Education Property Tax; and
- Has resided in that homestead on April 1 of the year for which the claim is made.

Applications for the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief are accepted only during the statutory filing period - **after May 1, but no later than June 30**. The law allows 120 days for processing from the date of receipt of your completed application. For more information, visit <http://www.revenue.nh.gov/assistance/low-moderate.htm>.

If you need help completing the forms, please visit the Selectmen's Office and someone will assist you.

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Planning Board

The Board will meet and hold a Public Meeting on Wednesday, June 19, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall to discuss the following proposed changes to Subdivision Regulations and any other business before the Board. Copies of the proposed subdivision regulations are available in the Selectmen's Office or on our website at <http://alexandrianh.com/departments/planning-board/>.

Planning Board Clerk



Alexandria Waste Management Committee 6/19



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

Money in our Pockets

Net savings through April 2019 are \$2736. This includes scrap metal and light metal/tin. There was no revenue reported for copper or aluminum cans in April. Because the net cost to recycle plastic is approximately the same as not to recycle, plastics have been taken out of the savings calculations. This does not have a major impact either way as we are recycling less than 1/2 ton/wk. of plastics. The decision was made to continue to recycle those plastics for which there is still a market to keep this non-biodegradable material out of our landfills. By keeping plastic out of landfills, we continue having a positive impact on the environment. We are maximizing our savings given our current facilities at the present location and we are handling the disposal of non-recyclable materials as efficiently as possible, given the current worldwide market conditions.

What's New at the Transfer Station

As I reported in last month's newsletter, there are new hours of operation. We are happy to announce that the transfer station is now open from 8:00 to 4:00 on Monday. Tony and the staff hope that by extending our Monday hours it will help those individuals who find it difficult to get to the transfer station on Wednesdays or Saturdays. A reminder; the gates to the transfer station **close 15 minutes before the transfer station** to allow the area to clear and give staff time to secure the property – please plan accordingly. Also, please remember to pick-up your 2019 transfer station passes at the office. Stickers are free, but you will need to provide proof of residence when picking up your sticker. Landlords are reminded that tenants may be asked to provide verification that they are renting a local residence before being allowed to dispose of trash. A simple note from the landlord stating the tenant's name, the address of the property, and the dates involved is all that is needed – thank you.

Although it has been six months since we altered our recycling program to comply with new restrictions imposed by the vendors processing our recyclable materials, there is still a lot of confusion, especially in the area of plastics, as to specifically what can and cannot be recycled. Because plastic is used for so many different products, and the chemical components are subdivided into seven categories, defining what is recyclable under the new restrictions can be confusing. We've tried to simplify the process by picturing typical item that qualify; however, there are always the exception. Beginning in May processing facilities are imposing a surcharge of \$160/ton for contaminated loads. That generally means no more than 10% of a load can contain non-recyclable material. To simplify things, there are pictures of the plastics we accept for recycling on the signs in front of the plastics bin and in pamphlets available at the transfer station and the town municipal building – only those items pictured should be thrown into the bin, other materials are considered 'contamination' and will result in a surcharge being charged. Items **NOT** accepted include; Styrofoam, plastic bags, package wrapping [hard/soft], furniture, toys and playsets. Pot-like containers under 6" in diameter or over 12" in diameter [including seedling pots and trays, and all containers used for shrubs, and small trees]. Plastic flowerpots between 6" and 12" inclusive may be recycled provided there is a recycling symbol stamped on the container. Many of the afore mentioned exclusions may carry a recycling symbol however, the chemical compound may not be acceptable by the vendors – if it's not pictured [even with a recyclable symbol on it], don't throw it in the bin, throw it is bulk waste. We apologize for the confusion and realize that it can be frustrating for our residents – if processing vendors cannot agree on a uniform standard, we may end up not recycling any plastic flowerpot containers.





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Every Individual Can Contribute

Some of you may have attended the May 21st Selectmen's meeting or are aware of the letter submitted by Tony Brown sighting comments and behavior displayed by some of our residents who visit the transfer station. I find the need to have to formally bring this to the attention of the Select Board disturbing. The staff at the transfer station work very hard to serve our community and they deserve our gratitude and respect. Comments and suggestions are always welcome, but they should be presented in a civil manner and alternatives offered. Tony mentioned that he has received complaints that the "gates close" 15 minutes prior to the posted closing time – this is not new, although admittedly, it has not always been strictly adhered to. As he explained in his letter, this is to allow people already in the transfer station time to complete their business, and the staff time to secure the transfer station so they can leave on time – this is not unreasonable. As an aside, I should point out that our transfer station is open three full days a week [Mon., Wed., and Sat.] all year long; this includes holidays when other town offices are closed.

Our recycling program is one of the most liberal in the state and the staff works diligently to keep it that way. Most of our residents have no idea how much time the staff spends keeping the recycling bins free of contaminants to avoid surcharge penalties by our vendors. Granted, some of the requirements may seem picky and the need not always apparent; however, **these are not rules made up by the transfer station staff**, these are directives from the vendors servicing the town, and our failure to comply costs us money. We do charge fees for disposal of certain items; however, these fees merely cover our costs of disposal – we do not make a profit on items for which we charge a fee and the money received is deposited into the town's "general fund", not the transfer station's operating budget.

To reiterate; the job of the staff at the transfer station is to serve our residents and they deserve to be treated with respect and courtesy – foul language, aggressive driving within the confines of the transfer station, and failure to willingly follow their instructions does not convey either. For those of you who would like to read Tony's letter as entered into the minutes of the Selectmen's Board meeting of 21 May can view it on the town website. The Waste Management Committee and the staff at the transfer station would like to thank the majority of our residents who support our program and appreciate the job being done.



Creative ideas for recycling, 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 to: steve.whitman@hotmail.com; be sure to state "recycling comments" in the subject. In some cases, with the author's permission, comments may be printed in subsequent issues. You can visit the transfer station webpage on the town website [<http://alexandrianh.com/departments/transfer-station/>] for more information about the transfer station as well as links to recycling information sites. Thank you all for your continued support; thanks to you our program is working.

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



BLOOD DRIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2019 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm
Freudenberg-NOK, 450 Pleasant Street, Bristol, NH

Saturday, June 8, 2019 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Danbury Community Center, 15 High Street, Danbury, NH

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Office Hours

Selectmen's Office – 744-3220

Monday: 8 am to 4 pm
Tuesday: 8 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 4 pm
Wednesday: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday: 8 am to 4 pm
Must arrive 15 minutes prior to posted closing time

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 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

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
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

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Please check website for up-to-date meeting schedule

Tuesday, June 4, 2019: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, June 5, 2019: Alexandria Historical Society Picture Display at Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road at 7:00 pm
Tuesday, June 18, 2019: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, June 19, 2019: Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm – Public Hearing on proposed Subdivision Regulations
Wednesday, June 26, 2019: 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.

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