



## ALEXANDRIA TODAY JULY 2019 EDITION

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### Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office

#### 2019 Wellington State Park Beach Passes

Passes will be available after June 1<sup>st</sup> 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 be made online via electronic check or credit card by visiting our website at [alexandrianh.com](http://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 Waste Management Committee 7/19



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

**Trivia Fact for the Month:** Enough plastic bottles are thrown away each year to encircle the Earth **four times**. Americans throw away 35 billion plastic bottles every year. Only about 25% of the plastics produced in the U.S. are recycled.

#### Money in our Pockets

Net savings through May 2019 are \$3161. This includes scrap metal and light metal/tin and a quarterly adjustment for glass. There was no revenue reported for copper or aluminum cans in May. As I mentioned in last month's article, 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 ½ 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

We are pleased to announce that the transfer station can now accept, **at no charge**, the small 1lb. propane canisters for recycling; they can be thrown in with the light metal and tin cans. We can also accept, at no charge, metal hand-held fire extinguishers – be sure they are empty, the cylinder material is metal, and detached the rubber/plastic hose if applicable. These also should be thrown in with the light metal.

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. Summer is here and with it comes an influx of vacation renters to Alexandria. 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.

Some of you may have noticed that, as the result of the Select Board reaffirming state and town restrictions at the transfer station at their 7 June 2019 meeting, new notices have been posted. The waste restrictions are governed by the state

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permitting regulations. The notice governing the 'free shed' is intended to remind residents of the rules pertaining to the use of the 'free shed' facility. Copies of both these documents are posted on the bulletin board at the transfer station, at the entrance to the 'free shed' area, and on the town website. I'm not going to discuss the details of either notice here, but you are encouraged to read them as transfer station staff will be enforcing them. I would like to emphasize that, although not accepted at the transfer station, medicines with expired expiration dates or no longer needed can be dropped off at the Bristol police station's medicine take back box; and, as in the past, all items left at the 'free shed' should be in good working condition and should be approved by a member of the transfer station staff before being put into the shed. Residents are reminded that they are limited to one 30 minutes visit per day. Only items in the 'free shed' may be taken from the transfer station without permission from a staff member on duty.

### Every Individual Can Contribute

Are you a regular walker? Do you care about the environment? Do you want to make a difference? It's not uncommon for local organizations to sponsor a "clean-up" day where members of an organization get together for the express purpose of picking up trash in a given area. The area could be a road(s), a public park, a beach, or just any place that needs attention. The Waste Management Committee applauds these efforts and thanks the organizations and individuals involved. The sad thing is that most of the items recovered are recyclable; plastic bottles, plastic shopping bags, and beverage cans usually are the primary culprits, but tires, old appliances, and furniture are also a problem.

We've noticed more and more people are starting to carry small plastic shopping bags with them as they enjoy their daily walk [or run]. If they see litter, they stop, pick it up, and take it home [recycling what they can]. It's not a major effort on their part but does make a huge difference as to keeping the landscape free of clutter. Obviously, tires, furniture, appliances, and other large items won't fit into a plastic shopping bag; however, if you notice items such as these, call the town authorities and report it – in most cases, the town officials will investigate to try to determine who discarded the item and then remove it [don't be surprised if the item is not removed immediately, as pick-up needs to be scheduled].

Summer is the season when people love to enjoy the outdoors. Parks, beaches, hiking trails, and picnic areas offer relaxation and a place to enjoy summer activities. As you visit these areas, remember to pack out what you bring in. Many facilities provide recycling containers for your convenience; use them as intended – don't throw trash into a recycling container. If the area does not provide recycling containers, take recyclable items home with you and recycle – don't just choose not to recycle and toss it. Litter control is especially important around waterways, lakes, and the ocean as water can carry pollutants a long way affecting environmental conditions in a wide area. Be sure that items are secured and can't blow away; Styrofoam plates and cups, napkins, and empty plastic water bottles are easily blown away if not properly stowed securely.

We encourage you to enjoy the season and to take advantage of all the opportunities the state has to offer. However, please remember to protect and preserve our resources for future generations. Be responsible and recycle whenever possible and help control the littering of our pristine landscapes.



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](mailto: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.

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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



### BLOOD DRIVES

**Tuesday, July 23, 2019 from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm**  
Freudenberg-NOK, 450 Pleasant Street, Bristol, NH



### 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 13, 2019 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 4000 attendees.

**Event details and schedule Date:** Saturday, July 13, 2019

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

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

### Alexandria Town-Wide Yard Sale

Saturday, August 10, 2019 (coincides with Alexandria Church Fair)

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: 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:* 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

#### 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)

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

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

Tuesday, July 2, 2019:	Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, July 16, 2019:	Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, July 17, 2019:	Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, July 30, 2019:	Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, July 31, 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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