



ALEXANDRIA TODAY JUNE 2020 EDITION

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TOWN OFFICES ARE OPEN BY APPOINTMENT.

In order to limit potential exposure to our residents and town staff, we would like to encourage our residents and taxpayers to take advantage of online services or call the offices to see if your business can be handled over the phone. If you come into the building for assistance, we encourage you to wear a face mask and maintain six feet social distancing guidelines.

The following items can all be done online at alexandrianh.com, through the mail and/or over the phone:

Property Tax Payments

Vehicle registration renewals*For new registrations, the Governor has authorized the DMV to extend all temporary plates issued after 2/26 until 4/30/2020.

Dog licensing

Requests for copies of birth certificates, marriage licenses, and death certificates

Property assessment information and tax maps

Property tax exemption and credit forms

Burn Permits

If you are having problems locating information on our website, we can assist you over the phone. The Town Clerk can be reached at 603-744-3288 or alexctcoll@metrocast.net and the Selectmen's Office at 603-744-3220 or alexandrianh@metrocast.net. Welfare assistance will be done on an appointment only basis through the Selectmen's Office. Please be patient as we work to return calls and emails as quickly as possible.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause, but we are doing the best we can to provide service to you in a safe manner.

The Transfer Station will be open normal business hours during this time.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office

WELLINGTON STATE PARK PASSES: Wellington State Park beach passes are available to be purchased through the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office. Wellington State Park is run by the State of New Hampshire. Please keep in mind that the state may not have yet opened the park and to follow whatever rules are currently in place regarding state parks.

2020 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 – no pass required

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.



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DOG LICENSES

Every owner or keeper of a dog 4 months old or older shall register the dog annually with the town clerk. At the time of registration, the owner will receive a metal tag with the following information - name of the town, year of the issue of the license and its registered number. This tag is to be affixed to the dog's collar. Regardless of when the license is obtained, it shall be effective from May 1 of each year to April 30 of the subsequent year. To prevent the initiation of a late penalty of \$1.00 per month, please renew your dog license by April 30th.

License your dog by mail or online, visit our website to download the form on the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's page at alexandrianh.com.



All Dog Licenses expired on April 30.

2020 Dog Licenses are NOW AVAILABLE.

Dog Fees are as follows:

Puppy (Up to Seven Months)	\$6.50
Spayed or Neutered	\$6.50
Unaltered Male/Female	\$9.00
Senior(Dog owned by Senior Citizen, 1 st dog only)	\$2.00
Group (5 dog minimum)	\$20.00

Vaccination Required - Before a license is issued the owner or keeper of the dog, must furnish verification that the dog has been vaccinated against rabies. If a valid rabies certificate is on file with the clerk, the owner shall not be required to produce such verification at the time of license.

Payments for tax bills can 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.

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) should be **available after May 1, 2020**. 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 contact the Selectmen's Office at 603-744-3220 or alexandrianh@metrocat.net to schedule an appointment.



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Alexandria Waste Management Committee 06/20



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

Trivia Quiz Question for the Month: *What do credit cards and your diet have in common?*
(see bottom of newsletter article for correct answer)

Money in our Pockets

Savings for the month of April were \$343 all of which was the result of revenue received from light metals and iron. This brings our year-to-date save through April to \$1593 – slightly behind last year, but still a reasonable net savings. There is some indication that the demand for recyclable material in the paper category is picking up some as the result of the increase in shipping caused by the increase in online shopping, but it's too soon to call this a trend or predict that it will continue. In reality, that doesn't affect us as our problem is that we don't have the facilities to keep our paper dry and there is no market for paper delivered to recycling centers wet. Recycling guidelines continue to suppress the overall market demand; however, we are still showing a savings. So far there continues to be no indication that the COVID-19 pandemic has had any effect on the recycling markets; however, as with many adverse situations, the affects may be a delayed reaction and the impact won't be felt for several months – we'll keep our fingers crossed that there is no adverse impact.

What's New at the Transfer Station

Things remain status quo at the transfer station. We are doing our best to keep the recycling process as simple as possible for our residents, but things change, and we have no alternative but to go along with the changes. Please understand that the staff at the transfer station are not trying to give you a hard time when they stop you from putting something in a recycling bin, they are merely trying to save the town money.

Memorial Day signifies the “unofficial” beginning of the summer season; however, this year, with the coronavirus, things will no doubt be different. States, including New Hampshire, are wrestling daily with decisions pitting the economy and citizens' rights against public safety and long-term impacts. The decisions are not easy and there is no guarantee of their effectiveness. Each of us must assume responsibility for our actions and consider the consequences to ourselves and others around us. To that end, please limit in personal contact with the transfer station staff, and if you do need to speak with someone, try not to go into the office, but speak outside and please **observe the 6-foot personal space zone** (now is the time to be 'stand-offish'). If you have questions, please consult the town website for the latest updates or call before making a personal visit (transfer station; 744-6810, selectmen's office 744-3220). The transfer station is keeping to its normal schedule while observing the safety protocol recommended.

Alexandria is a popular tourist destination and renters are most welcome to the area; however, landlords are reminded that tenants are subject to the same rules and regulations as residents at the transfer station. Landlords should provide the tenants with a signed statement indicating that the bearer is renting property at (give specific address) for (give dates) and advise tenants that they may be asked for this document before being allowed to dispose of trash. Seasonal residents are reminded to obtain their **free stickers** at the transfer station or municipal building and place them on their windshield where they are clearly visible – if you need stickers for additional vehicles, all you need is the additional vehicle registration.

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Every Individual Can Contribute

There are little things each of us can do to make a difference every day and help preserve and protect the environment:

- Reduce paper waste by using both sides of the paper and using scrap paper whenever possible. Envelopes included with junk mail can be used for short reminder notes. Use the “print both sides” option when printing multi-page documents.
- Reduce lunch waste by buying snacks in large bags and putting them into small, reusable containers. The small bags cost up to 30 percent more and create 10 times as much garbage.
- Use a reusable lunch box instead of disposable paper bags.
- Whenever possible, purchase products with minimal packaging.
- Reuse canvas, paper, or plastic bags to bring home purchases. You can request that stores return items to your shopping cart unbagged and sort them into bags or boxes yourself when you reach your car – that also a good time to check your receipt against what you received and were charged.
- Share magazines, books, movies and CDs with friends and family instead of buying new. “lending libraries” are beginning to appear in neighborhood yards allowing folks to exchange these types of items with others.
- Buy recycled products — the greater the demand, the more products will be made with recycled materials.

Companies on the Cutting Edge

Renewlogy headquartered in Salt Lake City, Utah, got its start as a class project at MIT in 2012. The idea was to find a way to recycle plastic waste. Over 350 million tons of plastic are produced globally each year and only about 11% of all plastic waste is recycled. The reason that so little is recycled is because there is a wide variety of components that make up plastic products ranging from type 1 to type 7 composition compounds. Conventional recycling requires a different process to break down these various compounds into materials which can be recycled. Capitalizing on the fact that plastic comes from a petroleum base, Renewlogy has developed a process called pyrolysis technology by which the plastic is broken down to its molecular level. The plastic is shredded into chips which are melted down and vaporized in an oxygen free chamber. The vapor is then cooled and at various temperatures drawn off to make different fuel products. The process is highly efficient and there is almost no waste; 70% to 80% will become liquid fuel products. About 20% is similar to natural gas and is recycled back into the unit to provide fuel to generate the heat used in the process. Only a small percentage, basically any organics and labels that are left on the plastics, comes out as a dry char. One Renewlogy recycling unit can take ten tons of plastic trash a day and turn it into 2,500 gallons of fuel.

Although the company is currently only operating in the U.S., future plans are to expand and provide this technology worldwide. Good luck to Renewlogy, and thank you for taking an active interest in resolving a major global issue.

Source: <https://idahonews.com/news/local/boise-on-the-cutting-edge-of-a-recycling-revolution>



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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.

Ans. to trivia quiz: You may be surprised to learn that as the result of ingestion of particles of plastic waste by fish, fowl, animals, and contamination in the water we drink, these plastic particles find their way into the food and water we consume. Some scientists estimate that humans consume an amount of plastic equal to the size of a credit card each week or the equivalent of 5 about grams. How's that for "food for thought?" Do your part, reduce the amount of plastic you use and always recycle as much as possible.

Soucre: <https://www.consumerreports.org/health-wellness/how-to-eat-less-plastic-microplastics-in-food-water/>

Alexandria Conservation Commission



Some species of aquatic wildlife and plants have become unwanted invaders in New Hampshire's waters. New Hampshire faces threats from invasive plants, birds, and mammals; however, as the summer season gets into full swing, this month's topic highlights only protecting our lakes, rivers, and streams from aquatic plant threats.

Currently, New Hampshire's biggest aquatic plant problem is with milfoil, although cutly-leaf pondweed, naiad, water chestnut, and fanwort are beginning to appear in some parts of the state. Milfoil is an exotic plant, introduced to the U.S. by the aquarium industry. It is rapidly becoming a major nuisance throughout North America. Due to the plant's ability to form dense growth, water use activities may become severely impaired. Milfoil stays submerged except for a stalk of tiny flowers, which can extend above the surface. Milfoil can winter over in frozen lakes, thrive in warm pond waters, and live in acidic and calcium rich waters, slow moving waters of lakes and ponds and some rivers. Milfoil is found in a variety of sediments, light levels, temperatures, and depths up to 20 feet. All milfoil species are easily identified as a group because of their distinctive feather-like leaves, but individual species are hard to differentiate visually from one another.

The reason that non-native species pose a serious is because they are generally able to dominate native species and adversely affect the natural balance within the existing ecosystem. In native habitats, growth and spread of species are balanced by organisms that have evolved to compete with each other. Invasive plants like milfoil are free from their natural competitors and can easily out compete native plants for space and sunlight. In the case of milfoil, the dense growth and rapid spread along lake shores can dramatically impede swimming and fishing and choke out native vegetation altering the entire ecosystem. As the quality of waterways decline, people are less likely to visit them. Landowners with lake front properties can expect property devaluation, and local economies dependent on tourism brought in by water attractions can expect a decline in activity.

Milfoil and other aquatic plants are capable of rapid dispersion, principally by fragmentation of plant parts as "hitchhikers" on boats and equipment. Each fragment is capable of growing roots and developing into a new plant. Some public launch sites have courtesy inspectors who carefully inspect boats (and trailers) for any signs of plant fragments before launching and when hauled - many facilities

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do not. You can help by following a few simple guidelines. These safeguards are applicable whether you have a larger boat, canoe, kayak, or paddle board:

- Inspect and clean any surface that has come in contact with the water. This includes trailers, outboard motors, anchors, fishing gear, and paddles – don't forget towing tubs, wake/knee boards and water skies. I know that may sound extreme, but spores and plant segments can stick where you'd least expect them. Before you launch or use any of the equipment again, inspect it to be sure you got everything off when you last used it.
- If your boat is small enough to allow you to launch and pull from the bank without benefit of a launch ramp, you can inspect and clean when you get home, but be sure to do so before you launch again.

In New Hampshire, invasive aquatic plants have not been documented north of the Notch as of December 2019. Through your conscious efforts in helping to control their spread, we hope to keep it that way. Enjoy our beautiful waterways and all the bounties our state has to offer but do your part to protect them; leave them as you found them so others may enjoy.

Sources:

<https://www.wmur.com/article/new-hampshire-has-71-water-bodies-with-variable-milfoil/5211671>

<https://www.lakerestoration.com/t-milfoil-control.aspx>

https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/exoticspecies/documents/milfoil_map_list.pdf

Other Local Events/Organizations

DAY AWAY PROGRAM

Social Program for Adults with Alzheimer's Disease or related Dementias

Now in existence for five years, the Day Away program is a social program for adults with early stages of Alzheimer's and related dementias. This program provides their caregivers a much-needed respite and relief from constant care and responsibility. Day Away provides a safe and comfortable atmosphere. We encourage socialization and help participants to maintain their independence, be mentally stimulated and remain active. Trained volunteers and a Registered Nurse, who is the Director of Program, provide one on one supervision for every participant.

Day Away is a non-profit program held on Thursdays from 9:00am to 3:00pm in Simard Hall at Our Lady of Grace Chapel in Bristol. Day Away is nondenominational and open to all families and caregivers in surrounding towns. As each participant advances in their journey, and he or she is no longer eligible for this program, we know through conversations with their caregivers, we have made a positive difference in each of their lives and in the lives of their caregivers.

If you know of any person/family who can benefit from our program or if you would like to volunteer, please contact: Sandra Coleman RN, BSN, Director of the Day Away Program
Email – sjrhatt@roadrunner.com or
Telephone – 603-536-6304

Stand Up Newfound

Are you impacted by the struggles facing our community with substance misuse? Stand Up Newfound is a small group of individuals trying to bring light onto a difficult subject, encourage prevention and education, and support those impacted by this difficult disease. Please join us the first Tuesday of each month, Minot Sleeper Library, 6:30 p.m.

Please contact us with any questions and check out our website for links to specific help sites:

www.standupnewfound.org

www.facebook.com/standupnewfound

standupnewfound@gmail.com



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PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)?

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) represents the voice of central NH families who are dedicated to building healthy environments and promising futures for our children and youth. The ultimate goal of these efforts is to create an engaging, positive environment that encourages healthy behaviors that lead to significantly higher numbers of drug-free young people. This will not only help our children succeed in school and life, but will also contribute towards an improvement in the overall quality of life in our community.

The PAC will provide a regular forum for the exchange of ideas and information among our community.

For more information, to get involved or for meeting times, please contact Liz Brochu at 603-536-9793, ebrochu@cadyinc.org, or visit cadyinc.org.

2020 Census Information



The 2020 Census is easy. The questions are simple. The Census asks questions that provide a snapshot of the nation. Census results affect your voice in government, how much funding your community receives, and how your community plans for the future.

When you fill out the census you help:

- Determine how many seats your state gets in Congress
- Guide how more than \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed to states and communities each year
- Create jobs, provide housing, prepare for emergencies, and build schools, roads and hospitals

Visit 2020census.gov for more information.



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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.*

Conservation Commission

To contact the Conservation Commission:
e-mail: alexandrianh@metrocast.net
Phone: 603-744-3220
Mail: 47 Washburn Road
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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 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 – These meeting dates and time may change due to the ongoing concerns with COVID-19. Meetings will always be available to the public and we will be making efforts to have the meetings live streamed. Please also email alexandrianh@metrocast.net with any questions or concerns you would like included in the public meeting.

Tuesday, June 2, 2020:	Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, June 9, 2020:	Selectmen's Work Session at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, June 16, 2020:	Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, June 17, 2020:	Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, June 24, 2020:	Conservation Commission Meeting at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, June 30, 2020:	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.

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

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