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Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office

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.



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. The State of NH has special procedures put into place for visitors to many state parks as a response to COVID-19. More information on the response and current policies can be found at nhstateparks.org/covid-19.

At this time, you must get advanced day use reservations for Wellington State Park through the state. These day use passes are available through a reservation link at <https://www.nhstateparks.org/visit/state-parks/wellington-state-park>. Visitors with season passes from the Town of Alexandria are encouraged to make an online reservation. When making the reservation, you will need to indicate that you are a season pass holder and you will not be charged the day use/parking fee. However, you will be charged \$1 transaction fee for using the state's online reservation system. This is a state park and not run by the Town of Alexandria; the Town of Alexandria is unable to make day use reservations or waive the \$1 transaction fee that the state charges.

These restrictions may change and we encourage you to check the state's website for Wellington State Park for updates on park use.

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.

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Alexandria Waste Management Committee 07/20



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

Trivia Quiz Question for the Month: *How many years would it take to fill the Empire State Building with the glass jars and bottles Americans currently throw away every year in landfills?*
(see bottom of newsletter article for correct answer)

Money in our Pockets

We continue to save money by recycling. In May we had revenue of \$120 from aluminum cans and \$420 from tin and light metals. That bring our year-to-date savings to \$2,133. We are about \$1,000 behind last year at this time, but still on track to net a year end savings of over \$5,000. There is still no sign of sustained improvement in the marketplace, but the good news is that neither has there been any sign of a further decline as the result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Remember that in addition to saving us money, your efforts to recycle have a positive impact on our environment and preserve our natural resources.

What's New at the Transfer Station



The Town will close on the property on Case Mill/ Rout 104 this month and preliminary plans are underway for developing a transition plan to relocate the current transfer station facility. The Transfer Station Siting Committee (TSSC) has been formed and they have begun their work. Two things to keep in mind; this is not going to happen overnight as there are multiple issues to consider and coordinate to be sure each step is compatible with the ultimate objectives, and secondly, your input is critical and we encourage you to attend committee meetings and feel free to talk to any member of the committee at any time – your input is important and every suggestion will be taken under advisement. In addition to committee meeting minutes, monthly progress recaps will appear in this section of the newsletter. This has been a long time in the making, but thanks to the foresight and support of the residents of Alexandria WE'RE OFF and RUNNING!



Congratulations to Tony Brown who has retired after many years of service as manager of our transfer station. Tony has served the town well and has always had our best interest at heart. He and his wife Gloria have purchased a travel trailer and plan to tour the country and enjoy all the places they have dreamed of visiting. Our best wishes to Tony and Gloria; enjoy your retirement years and be safe in all your travels. We appreciate all you have done for Alexandria. Tony's position has been assumed by Ken Hall.

Those of you who visited the transfer station this past month may have noticed a new sign in front of the construction demo bin advising that paper and Styrofoam should no longer be deposited in this container. The reason for this is evident if you look over fence line on the east side of the property. Because the bins are not covered, light items such as loose paper and Styrofoam are easily blown out of the bins and end up in the adjoining property or the Smith River. This is not a new problem; however, the severity has reached a point that it can no longer be ignored and must be addressed. Until we can come up with an alternative solution, residents are asked to throw loose paper and Styrofoam into the compactor where it can be compacted and contained. Corrugated cardboard boxes can be broken down and continue to be thrown in the construction demo bins, but please do not throw boxes containing loose paper into the bins. Many of us use empty boxes to store our paper waste before taking it to the transfer station, and have simply been throwing everything into the bins – this is no longer acceptable, **ALL** paper with the exception of corrugated cardboard now goes in the compactor. Thank you for your cooperation. By the way, in case you are wondering, the town is

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responsible for any litter clean-up or pollution to adjoining property(s), much the same as a motorist is responsible for litter thrown out the window or from the bed of their truck.

We continue to do 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.

The transfer station facilities are for the use of Alexandria residents and renters of properties within Alexandria only. Residents need to display a sticker and renters should have a statement from the landlord indicating the address of the property they are renting. Recently there has been a noticeable increase in the number of vehicles using the transfer station facilities without displaying a sticker. The staff is on the lookout for non-residents using the facility and vehicles without stickers may be turned away. This is not intended to harass out residents, but rather to control use by non-residents. Unauthorized use is expensive for the town. Each time a roll-off bin is hauled there is a hauling charge of about \$225 plus a "tipping fee" based on weight which averages about \$50/ton, depending on content. If we allow non-residents to use our facilities, the bins fill faster and has a direct impact our expenses. Help us out; get a sticker if you don't already have one and support our staff as they do their jobs. Thanks. If you need stickers for additional vehicles, all you need is the additional vehicle registration.

Every Individual Can Contribute

You may be interested to know that there are many companies that have programs whereby they recycle the products they manufacture once they have outlived their usefulness. Here are just a few:

- ❖ **FLOR:** Has a program in which you can send back your worn-out carpet tiles, and they'll recycle them into nylon fibers and other materials. It's super-easy to return old carpet tiles; simply box them up, and called the company, who'll email you a prepaid shipping label.
- ❖ **Crayola:** The art-supply company is hoping to teach kids about recycling through its ColorCycle program. Schools who want to participate in the program can collect used markers and send them in to Crayola (Crayola pays for shipping), and the markers will be transformed into clean-burning fuel.
- ❖ **Calphalon Cookware:** When you buy certain sets of Calphalon cookware, you can pack up your old cookware (any brand!) in the box the new Calphalon cookware came in and send it back to Calphalon. They'll pay shipping expenses.
- ❖ **Nike:** Nike's Reuse-A-Shoe program collects worn-out shoes at Nike stores (if your shoes are still in decent condition, they encourage you to donate them instead). The worn-out shoes are then ground up to make a material called Nike Grind, which is used to make athletic surfaces, such as tennis courts, basketball courts, tracks, playground surfaces and athletic fields.
- ❖ **Crocs:** Crocs are sturdy, you'll probably get tired of them before they're even worn out. Lightly worn shoes can be taken to a participating Crocs store, to be cleaned and given to people in impoverished nations who need shoes.
- ❖ **Amazon Kindle:** If your Kindle breaks, or you decide to upgrade to the latest model, Amazon will take back your old Kindle. You can register online to get a prepaid shipping label, and then send the Kindle to the recycler, where the Kindle's data and personal information is removed, and the products are then broken down for their materials to be reused.
- ❖ **Canon:** Canon is a great example of the many electronics companies that have recycling programs in place for their products once they're broken or obsolete. Canon takes back its consumer and home office products, including cameras and accessories, printers, binoculars, and calculators. Fill out a form online and they'll send you a shipping label.



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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: Trick question. It would only take 1 ½ weeks! Americans throw away about 28 billion glass bottles and jars each year; that is the equivalent of filling about 35 Empire State Buildings [for those interested, the volume capacity of the Empire State Building is 37 million cubic feet or about 6.55 million barrels of crude oil – that's over the capacity of 3 super tankers]. Glass can be recycled and re-manufactured an infinite amount of times and never wear out. Making glass from recycled material cuts related water pollution by 50%. Recycling just one glass jar saves enough electricity to light an 11-watt CFL bulb for 20 hours.

Source: <https://www.recycleacrossamerica.org/recycling-facts>

Alexandria Conservation Commission



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If you have a private well, then water quality testing should be important to you and your family. Some contaminants in drinking water have been linked to cancer and toxicity, posing a risk to human health. Many contaminants often have no taste, odor, or color. Their presence can only be determined by laboratory testing.

Over the past several years, we've written several articles concerning water contamination caused by stormwater run-off which can carry pesticides, fertilizer, and deicing materials. We've talked about soil pollution from sewerage backup, oil spills, the improper disposal of gasoline, and hazardous waste materials. Despite all our conscious efforts to eliminate contamination, there is still the chance that our drinking water may contain toxic materials that can harm us. Some materials are generated by Mother Nature over which we have little control; these include such things as arsenic, mercury, lead, and E Coli and other types of bacteria.

In Alexandria, most residents get their water from wells or natural springs. No matter the source, the NHDES recommends standard and radiological analysis testing every three to five years. [Note: public springs are tested on a regular basis by the towns in which they are located] Contamination generally takes place gradually unless something occurs to disturb the well structure or surrounding area. Bacteria and nitrate are exceptions and you should test for them every year. Also, if there is a noticeable change in the water, such as a change in taste, smell or appearance after a heavy rain, or an unexplained change in a previously trouble-free well, the well should be tested. Think of testing the quality of your water as preventive maintenance – the same as painting your house.



To order a test kit from NHDES [click here](#)



For more information about the NHDES Private Well Testing Program [click here](#)



Contact: NHDES Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau; 29 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95, Concord, NH 03302-0095; or call (603) 271-2513; or email dwgbinfo@des.nh.gov

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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.

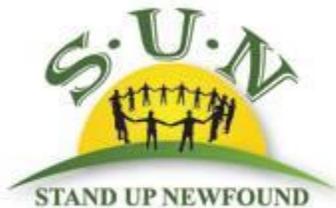
If you know of any person/family who can benefit from our program or if you would like to volunteer, please contact: Sandra Coleman RN, BSN, Director of the Day Away Program
Email – sjrhatt@roadrunner.com or
Telephone – 603-536-6304

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



CADY

Communities for Alcohol-
and Drug-Free Youth

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.

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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.



BLOOD DRIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2020 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Freudenberg-NOK, 450 Pleasant Street, Bristol, 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.*

Conservation Commission

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 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, July 7, 2020:

Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, July 15, 2020:

Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm

Tuesday, July 21, 2020:

Selectmen's meeting at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, July 29, 2020:

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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