



ALEXANDRIA TODAY SEPTEMBER 2020 EDITION

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Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office



NH STATE PRIMARY VOTING

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

The New Hampshire State Primary will be held at Alexandria Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH. The polls will be open from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be closed on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 for the State Primary Elections and will only be open from 3 pm to 5 pm on Monday, September 7, 2020 (Labor Day) for absentee ballot requests.

Absentee Ballot request is available on the town's website at <http://alexandrianh.com/departments/town-clerk-tax-collector/>, in the Town Clerk's office, or by calling the Town Clerk's office at 603-744-3288.



Alexandria Waste Management Committee 08/20



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

Trivia Quiz Question for the Month: *How many tons of gold ore does it take to equal what can be salvaged from 1 ton of recycled computers?* (see bottom of newsletter article for correct answer)

Money in our Pockets

We continue to save money by recycling. In July we had revenue of \$253 from aluminum cans and \$470 from tin and light metals. We also had a quarterly adjustment for glass of \$345. That bring our year-to-date savings to \$3,486. We are still behind last year at this time but can still net a year end savings of over \$5,000 if we all continue our recycling efforts. There is still no sign of sustained improvement in the marketplace, but there are indications that the market for baled corrugated cardboard is beginning to open slightly. 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 Siting Committee met on August 4th and August 18th. The meeting on the 4th was with architectural engineer Erin Darrow during which we discussed the topography of the newly acquired property and potential site locations for the transfer station facilities and gravel excavation. At our meeting on the 18th Paige Wilson from the Lakes Region Planning Commission talked with us about grant money opportunities and imparted insight into what some other New Hampshire towns had done. The committee also reviewed a trip summary to the Gilford transfer station facilities. A survey questionnaire seeking input from the residents was approved and is available at the transfer station, Municipal Bldg., and on-line. Please take the time to complete this survey as your input will help guide us in the development of the new facility.

We are making good progress; however, there is a lot of preliminary groundwork that needs to be completed. Copies of the minutes may be viewed on the town's website under the Commission/Committee topic heading [all minutes are subject to approval by committee members at the

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next scheduled TSSC meeting and are subject to change until that time]. You are encouraged to attend meeting and reference the minutes for more detailed information. This section of the newsletter is not intended to replace the minutes, but rather to give residents a status overview as we move forward.

KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED FOR THE SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE – IT’S YOUR CHANCE TO LET US KNOW WHAT YOU WANT AT THE NEW TRANSFER STATION FACILITY. QUESTIONNAIRES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TRANSFER STATION, THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, AND AS AN ON-LINE SURVEY. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO PARTICIPATE!

I don’t want to keep harping on the same issues every month as our position is that only an occasional reminder should be necessary. The majority of our residents are cooperative and try to follow the rules – those who choose not to, will continue to cost the town money and ‘reminders’ won’t help.

In the last month, there has been an abnormal number of large loads finding their way into the compactor. This will happen on occasions for a variety of reasons; however, the compactor is hauled on a scheduled basis and abnormally large loads can disrupt that schedule. You can help us out by planning your trips to the transfer station on a regular basis, don’t accumulate trash until you “must make a dump run.” Remember only household trash goes into the compactor. Construction demo materials of any type go into the ‘Construction Demo’ container. If for some reason, you have an oversize load of household trash, please speak with a staff member before putting it in the compactor. Thank you for your cooperation.

On June 1st of this year, our cost for the disposal of tires increased and as a result we are having to increase the fee we charge accordingly. Regular car tires are now \$3.00 ea. w/o rims and \$4.00 ea. with rims; other size tires are charged according to size and # of ply. Please note the size and see the attendant before disposing of any tires. We regret that an increase is necessary, and rest assured that this increase only reflects the additional cost to us – all fees charged at the transfer station are reflective of our cost for disposal, no profit is built into any of the fees we charge.

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 that doesn’t belong in a recycling bin or question you about not displaying a sticker, it’s their job and they are merely trying to save the town money.

Every Individual Can Contribute



Plastic is not a bad material. In fact, the invention of plastic has had enormous impacts on several industries, making products and services more accessible than ever before. The problem lies in how we dispose of it. Only 14% of end-use plastics are recovered, leaving the rest to accumulate in landfills, enter waterways, or become incinerated.

In recent years there have been significant strides made in recycling plastic for use in other product manufacturing; however, recycled plastic is not generally used to create new plastic products. Over time, repeated use and recycling of plastics break down its molecular structure components. As a result, recycled plastics tend to degrade in quality over time, eventually becoming unusable.

Researchers from Chalmers University of Technology in Sweden may have found a way to surmount this limitation. Published in *Sustainable Materials and Technologies*, the research group was able to recover 100% of carbon from plastic waste and turn it back into its virgin components. They introduced steam and heat to break down the organic molecules into their hydrocarbon components, which is what most plastics are made of, to form a gas mixture. Now in the form of a gas mixture, the carbon can then be



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recovered to create the components of virgin plastic. They found that switching to converted plastic waste as feedstock [raw material], instead of virgin plastic, for creating new plastics provides economic advantages and is technically feasible. This would help give used plastics a true value, and thus an economic impetus for collecting it anywhere on earth.

The Chalmers researchers are now looking to scale the process even further. With the success of their further research, there's a good possibility that this could see commercial use in the future.

Source: <https://www.sciencetimes.com/articles/24112/20191021/new-recycling-method-turns-waste-plastics-back-original-high-quality.html>



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: 17 tons. In the United States we throw away over 20 million tons of electronic waste annually. In addition to the gold content found in computers, other metals such as copper and silver are also reclaimed from recycled electronics. Do your part and recycle your old electronics.

Alexandria Police Department

First of all I'd like to thank the towns people of Alexandria for the support they've shown to the police department over the six years that I've been working here.

On August 3, I was sworn in as your new chief in Alexandria. I am honored to take over the role from Chief Sullivan who served this town with integrity and hard work over the last 12 years. I have large shoes to fill and I'm looking forward to working as your chief in this town.

We are currently looking to hire a new full-time officer in Alexandria. We are cognizant that the person we hire will need to be a good fit for the town of Alexandria and the many various challenges that come with working such a rural patrol. Feel free to drop in and see us at the office anytime. Or call us at 744-6650 for Dispatch, 744-6651 for the office, or 911 for emergencies.

Sincerely,
Chief Suckling

Alexandria Conservation Commission



Come September, the raptors; birds of prey like hawks, eagles, and falcons, start to migrate. Thanks to NH Audubon's migration watch program, you can have the amazing experience of seeing them up close as they make their way to their winter habitats. Each fall, beginning on September 1st, New Hampshire Audubon biologists and volunteers track the migration of raptors at two well-known raptor migration hotspots: The Pack Monadnock Raptor Observatory, located within Miller State Park near the summit of Pack Monadnock Mountain in Peterborough, and Carter Hill Orchard in Concord where you can combine apple picking with watching the hawk migration. Data from both locations is shared with the Hawk Migration Association of North America and becomes part of a long-term international database. Thanks to the international database (hawkcount.org), scientists can assess and analyze trends across a broad scale. In the Northeast, it has been determined that the populations of

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many raptor species are stable or even increasing. For example, Bald and Golden Eagles have both recovered well and populations are on the increase, whereas American Kestrels and Northern Harriers falcons are declining.

The public is welcome at both locations. There is a fee to get into Miller State Park; however, the observatory is free. Migration activity is most pronounced on northwest winds, especially on the several days following the passage of a cold front. Raptors are majestic birds and watching a wide variety of hundreds together is a fun experience for both the avid raptor enthusiast and the entire family. Why not pick a day before the snow flies and get out and enjoy one of nature's awesome events? For more information, call (603) 224-9909 or visit: <https://harriscenter.org> or <http://www.nhaudubon.org/>.

Source: <http://www.nhaudubon.org/get-outside/raptor-observatories/>

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 – sjrhett@roadrunner.com

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.



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, September 22, 2020 from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Marian Center, 17 West Shore Road, Bristol, NH

Saturday, September 26, 2020 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
New Hampton Safety Complex, 26 Intervale Drive, New Hampton, NH



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Office Hours

Selectmen's Office – 744-3220

Monday: 8 am to 4 pm
Tuesday: 8 am to 5 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, September 1, 2020: Selectmen's Meeting at 6 pm
Transfer Station Siting Committee Meeting immediately following Selectmen's Meeting
- Monday, September 7, 2020: Town Offices Closed
Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office will be open from 3 to 5 pm on 9/7/20 for Absentee Ballots only
- Tuesday, September 8, 2020: NH State Primary 8 am to 7 pm at 45 Washburn Road
- Tuesday, September 15, 2020: Selectmen's Meeting at 6 pm
Transfer Station Siting Committee immediately following Selectmen's Meeting
- Wednesday, September 16, 2020: Planning Board Meeting at 6 pm
- Monday, September 28, 2020: Budget Committee Meeting at 6 pm
- Tuesday, September 29, 2020: Selectmen's Meeting at 6 pm
Transfer Station Siting Committee immediately following Selectmen's Meeting
- Wednesday, September 30, 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.

Selectmen's Meetings can be viewed on Atlantic Broadband Channel 24 on Mondays at 8pm, Wednesdays at 9 am, and Saturdays at 3 pm.

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