



# ALEXANDRIA TODAY JUNE 2021 EDITION

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## Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office

### DOG LICENSES



All Dog Licenses expired on April 30.

2021 Dog Licenses are NOW AVAILABLE.

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 30<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to license your dog by mail, visit our website to download the form on the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's page at [alexandrianh.com](http://alexandrianh.com).

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 <sup>st</sup> 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.

**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 owned and run by the State of New Hampshire. Visitors can make a reservation before arriving at the park as parking is limited (*especially on nice weekends and holidays*). Visitors who do not make a reservation will be admitted on a first-come/first-serve basis. Reservations can be made prior to arrival and no later than 3pm on the day of your visit. Please plan ahead in the event the parking areas reach capacity. For more information or to make a reservation visit [nhstateparks.org](http://nhstateparks.org).

### 2021 Wellington State Park Beach Passes

Passes are 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.



**REMINDER: 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.



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### Alexandria Recreational Advisory Council

#### Alexandria Village School Annual Meeting

The Alexandria Recreational Advisory Council (ARAC) will be holding its annual meeting at the Alexandria Village School on Sunday, June 6 at 11 am. Our goal is to provide ongoing support, information and educational opportunities for children, adults and families in our community.

We are hoping to offer new programs, including Budgeting and Basic Household Economics; Computer Skills; Healthy Cooking for Less; Crafting; GED classes; Simple Music Instruction and Sing Along; Free Med Checks; and Canning and Freezing. We also have a wonderful space available for groups within our community to meet.

We are interested in your input! Please feel free to attend and share your ideas, thoughts, or hopes for our community. If you can't make the meeting, please email Lorraine Jones, Director at [lorrainejones236@gmail.com](mailto:lorrainejones236@gmail.com) with your suggestions. We want to hear from you!

### 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 in the Selectmen's Office and online at <http://www.revenue.nh.gov/assistance/low-moderate.htm>. 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](mailto:alexandrianh@metrocat.net) to schedule an appointment.

#### Town of Alexandria Property Revaluation Process 2021

For tax year 2021, all property values will be updated to market value as of April 1, 2021. With the real estate market fluctuating over the past few years, many property owners may see values increase; however, some may see them decrease. Just because some values increase or decrease, DOES NOT NECESSARILY mean that your taxes will increase or decrease.

Taxes are based on the combined budgets for the Town, school and county. The tax rate is determined by taking the total of those budgets divided by the overall value of the Town to arrive at a tax rate to "pay the bills". Unfortunately, there is no way to determine the impact of the update until after the values are finalized and until after the NH Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) calculates the total amount of money needed to "pay the bills". That process takes place in the fall, usually in October, with the Town's tax rate the end result.

Enough about taxes, let's get back to the update. As part of this process, Avitar assessing staff members have attempted to visit every property to verify that the physical data is accurate. This is especially important for the sale properties as they become the basis for the new values. Once we analyze the sales and develop preliminary values, there will be a field review of the entire town, which is just a drive-by parcel by parcel of every property to verify

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location, site characteristics, quality and so forth to be consistent as possible. Please know the cycled inspection process has been done over the prior period and there was an attempt to measure and list every property during that time.

Once the preliminary process is complete notices with the new preliminary values will be mailed to every property owner. That notice will include information so that you can schedule a phone appointment to speak with an Avitar representative to discuss your assessment, should you have any questions. Also included in the notice are instructions to access the online database and review the information about your property and every other property in town, including the sale properties that were used to help establish the new values.

As part of this process, the DRA has some oversight responsibilities, which includes visiting a sampling of those properties to verify data accuracy, and monitoring the hearing process. Once the update has been completed, Avitar will deliver to the Town a manual which describes the process in detail. The DRA will also review that manual for compliance with applicable state law.

If, at the end of the process, you have any further questions or concerns, they should be addressed through the abatement process once you have received your tax bill in the fall.



Alexandria Waste Management Committee 06/21



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

**Trivia Quiz Question for the Month:** According to Wikipedia's latest data (2013), where does the United States rank in terms of percentage of material recycled? (see bottom of newsletter article for correct answer)

### Money in our Pockets

In April, our total revenue received from recyclables was \$1189, generated by \$341 from aluminum cans and \$717 from light tin. There was a net adjustment for glass credited in April of \$131. Through April 2021, we have realized a net savings of \$2183. As you know, in addition to saving us money, your efforts to recycle have a positive impact on our environment and preserve our natural resources for all to enjoy.

### What's New at the Transfer Station



There were no formal TSSC meeting held during the month of May. However, there has been significant progress made by committee members working in concert with Erin Darrell. As reported last month, it was decided to proceed with the development of the gravel pit area first as this will require only minimal construction efforts outside of an access road. On May 11, George, and several members of the TSSC met with Erin at the new site to reevaluate to topography and the location of the transfer station facility. As a result of that visit, it appears that substantial earth work and cost can be avoided by placing the whole transfer station to the south of the access drive off Cass Mill road. The existing ground profile means that far less cutting and filling would be necessary. This approach had been suggested in the past, but we had been intent on keeping the facility as far north and west as possible. What became clear on site is that there is still an ample screen of trees and bank to shield the neighbors, and that the car access loop (counterclockwise) would also be much shorter. The access road to the gravel could come off the south side of this loop and reach the gravel much more directly. Shorter roads would mean lower costs as well. Erin will work with these ideas and get back to us with a new draft. Further discussion is required as to specifics, but general agreement has been reached on what items will be included in the initial phase of the relocation and this information was given to Erin. The Board of Selectmen and our Road Agent are working closely with Erin as we move forward. Details of the exact layout design and the specifics of the build designs still need to be finalized; however, agreement as to what is needed has been reached and we continue investigating various options to meet these needs, including "lease to purchase" options available for large ticket items such as compactors and balers.

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Summer is here and activity at the transfer station is in “summer mode”, meaning that activity has picked a bit as summer residents return. The staff has asked that I remind residents, especially returning summer residents who may not be aware of some of the recent changes, to be especially mindful of throwing material into the correct bins. The compactor is for household waste and loose paper only; all other waste goes into specifically designated containers – if you have question, please ask one of the attendants for help. Also, please remember to break-down your cardboard boxes before throwing them into the container.

Many of you have asked about Hazardous Waste Day. This year it will be held on 31 July 8:30 – 12:00 at the Belmont Fire Station and on 7 August 8:30 – 12:00 at the Bristol Newfound School. Detailed information can be found on the Lakes Region website at [www.lakesrpc.org/serviceshww.asp](http://www.lakesrpc.org/serviceshww.asp). Please consult the website for information about what types of materials are and are NOT accepted and any special handling needed.



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.

Answer to trivia question The United States ranked 18th out of the 37 countries evaluated – we can do much better!!

## Supervisors of the Checklist

### Verification of the Checklist

N.H. law requires that the Supervisors of the Checklist verify the checklist every ten years. Any person on the checklist who has not voted in the past four years must re-register to remain on the checklist. The Supervisors are sending letters of notification to these voters at the address they provided when they registered.

The Supervisors of the Checklist will hold sessions for re-registering voters who have not voted since April 2017, also accepting applications for new voter registration, requests for the correction of the checklist, and change of political party affiliation.

Sessions will be held from 11 am to 2 pm at Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road, Alexandria on the following dates:  
Saturday, May 1, 2021                      Saturday, June 26, 2021                      Saturday, July 24, 2021

Voters may also re-register at the Town Clerk’s office during the Town Clerk’s regular hours. Voters may check party affiliation online at: <https://app.sos.nh.gov/public/partyinfo.aspx>.

## Alexandria Conservation Commission



Most people are not fond of snakes and choose to keep their distance, and snakes prefer it that way. Snakes play an important part in New Hampshire’s ecosystems, and as is the case with any species, it is important to keep the balance if the ecosystem is to survive. I could go into detail as to the important contribution snakes make; however, I won’t. For those interested, you can research on your own - the New Hampshire Fish & Game website has a wealth of information.

There are 11 species of snakes that are native to New Hampshire. New Hampshire has only one venomous snake, the timber rattlesnake. Some of these species, such as the garter snake are common and widespread across the state. Other species like the timber rattlesnake are extremely rare and are now state protected. Five of the species (timber rattlesnake, eastern hognose snake, northern black racer, smooth green snake, and ribbon snake) were identified as species in greatest need of conservation in New Hampshire’s Wildlife Action Plan completed in the fall of 2005.

Overall, snakes are poorly studied, and basic distribution and life history information is lacking. The New Hampshire Fish & Game maintains a database of all reptile and amphibian reports through its Reptile and Amphibian Reporting Program (RAARP) and depends on our residents, as well as their field staff, to report sightings. The first step to reporting a sighting



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is accurately identifying the species. Information and photographs were compiled for all of New Hampshire's 11 native snakes to aid in this identification process and can be found on the source website. Climate changes over the past several years could result in non-native species of snakes migrating to our state, making reporting of snake sightings even more important.

**PLEASE DO NOT KILL SNAKES.** If you see a snake, leave it alone. Try to identify it, take a picture, and report it to New Hampshire Fish & Game. This is especially important if you see any of the endangered species or a snake you can't readily identify. There is no reason to kill a New Hampshire snake. If you feel threatened, call for help.

**Source: Snakes of New Hampshire | Nongame | New Hampshire Fish and Game Department ([state.nh.us](http://state.nh.us))**

### Other Local Events/Organizations



#### **BLOOD DRIVES**

**Tuesday, June 8, 2021 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm**  
Marian Center, 17 West Shore Road, Bristol, NH

**Tuesday, June 22, 2021 from 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm**  
Marian Center, 17 West Shore Road, Bristol, NH





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## Office Hours

### Selectmen's Office – 744-3220

Monday: 8 am to 4 pm  
Tuesday: 8 am to 4 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: 8 am to 4 pm  
Saturday: 8 am to 4 pm  
*\*Must arrive 15 minutes prior to posted closing time\**

### Police Department 744-6650

Chief David Suckling  
When dispatcher picks up, give dispatcher your message. They will page an officer on the radio. Cell phones are not reliable locally.  
Office Hours:  
Tuesday & Wednesday 8 am to 2 pm

### Highway Department – 744-6516

Paul Sirard, 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.*

### 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](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 FIRE DEPARTMENT

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](mailto:alexandrianh@metrocast.net) with any questions or concerns you would like included in the public meeting.\**

Tuesday, June 1, 2021: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm  
Public hearing on the Atlantic Broadband Cable Television Franchise Renewal during Selectmen's Meeting.  
Tuesday, June 15, 2021: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm  
Wednesday, June 16, 2021: Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, June 29, 2021: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm  
Wednesday, June 30 2021: Conservation Commission Meeting at 6:30 pm at the Alexandria Village School, 44 Mount Cardigan Road

*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.*