



ALEXANDRIA TODAY MAY 2022 EDITION

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Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office

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. 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.



All Dog Licenses expired on April 30.

2022 Dog Licenses are 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

Proof of Rabies Vaccination Required

WELLINGTON STATE PARK PASSES

Wellington State Park Beach passes are not yet available. We will update our website and Facebook page when they become available. Thank you for your patience.

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office will be closed on June 8, 2022 while staff attends training.

Selectmen's Office

Low & Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief Program:

Applications for the Low & Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief Form (DP-8) should be **available after May 1, 2022**. 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 \$37,000; or
- Married or head of NH household with adjusted gross income less than or equal to \$47,000; 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 NH Department of Revenue Administration at 603-230-5920 – press prompt 2, then prompt 2 again.

NH Homeowners Assistance Fund

There is a program run by the state that provides financial assistance for New Hampshire homeowners who cannot pay their home mortgage, utilities, home insurance, association fees, and/or property taxes during the pandemic. The program is expected to be available through at least 2022.

NH Homeowner Assistance Fund is a federally funded homeowner assistance program through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR). It is administered by New Hampshire Housing, who will be accepting and processing applications. Visit homehelpnh.org or call 1-800-974-1377 ext. 1014 for information or assistance with the application, financial counseling, and other resources.

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

PHONE: (603) 530-2229

FAX: (603) 744-3165

Emergency: 911

fire@alexandrianh.com



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Alexandria Waste Management Committee



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

Trivia Quiz Question for the Month: In addition to hosting the famous Nottingham Goose Fair annually each fall, what other claim to fame can the town Nottingham, NH make?

Money in our Pockets

During the month of March, we realized revenue of \$775 for aluminum cans and scrap metal revenue was \$687. There was no adjustment for glass as yet for this year. Over the past few years, we have been recycling glass at the rate of about 5 ½ tons every three months. We are now breaking up our glass, which means that we are now able to ship about 10 tons per haul, which reduces the number of annual hauls from 4 to 2. The annual saving for the glass remains the same; however, we are saving almost \$400 annually in hauling fees. You may ask why we weren't breaking our glass and doing this in past years, and the answer is that we were restricted, by the hauler, regarding maximum weight limitations. Cardboard recycling has proven to be a big savings so far, and if the market holds firm the savings should continue. Each week we process about ¾ of a ton of cardboard which is delivered to Bristol for processing vs. putting it in with our construction waste. Disposal of construction waste costs us \$128/ton, which equates to about \$350/mo. savings when we exclude cardboard. These savings are based on 1st Quarter volume and will be reevaluated at the end of June. There has been no adjustment for glass to date. So, with all that said, our savings through March 2022 are \$2,902. Projecting that number forward, optimistically, we can set our goal at a savings of \$12,000 for the year. Keep up the good work.

As you know, in addition to saving us money, your efforts to recycle and support your recycling program 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 TSSC meetings during the month of April. However, permit applications were signed and sent to DES for the gravel pit, approval is expected to be received next month. Members of the TSSC continue to work with Erin on permit applications for the transfer station. RFPs have not yet been requested from local contractors pending finalization and approval by the TSSC of the plans for the transfer station and the submission and approval of the permit applications, which are needed before quotes can be obtained. Members of the TSSC continue to investigate alternatives for building and equipment needs. Although there is still a lot of preliminary work to be completed, the TSSC is confident that it can meet its objective of having a budget proposal for phase 1 of the relocation and opening of the new facility ready for a warrant article for voter approval in time for a March 2023 vote.

The committee will continue to meet on an as needed basis and monthly updates will be provided here in the town newsletter and in meeting minutes posted on the town website.



Avoid Being Locked Out, Gates Close at 3:45pm, Transfer Station Time – Their Facility, Their Clock

Thank you all for picking up your 2022 transfer station stickers. Please display them in clear view in the lower left corner of the windshield. If you have more than one vehicle that visits the transfer station, you need to sticker for **both** vehicles. A reminder to landlords, if you have short-term seasonal tenants who will be using the facility during their stay, please advise them that they may be asked for proof of their rental agreement in lieu of a sticker. Please remember that the requirement of stickers to use the transfer station facility is to prevent unauthorized use of our facility by non-residents.

It's spring and many of us are taking advantage of the nicer weather to do some spring-cleaning. In an effort to efficiently handle the additional waste disposed of this time of the year, we ask that if you are going to have to make multiple trips to the transfer station in a single day, that you contact the transfer station in advance (603-744-6810) and let them know. This will allow them to compact the container(s) if necessary or activate a backup container. Thank you for your cooperation.

The recycling of corrugated cardboard has proved very cost effective up to this point and our plan is to continue to accept corrugated cardboard **ONLY** for recycling. Please remove any waste material and breakdown your boxes before placing them in the trailer.



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A container has been placed by the roll-offs for all **clean**, plastic bags. We take all types of plastic bags including plastic pellet bags, feed bags, and grocery bags. Please be sure the bags are empty and clean. We hope to be able to continue this service; however, it will depend on you doing your part by ensuring that only clean, plastic bags are put in the container(s).

A follow-up on last month's reminder; **no containers holding any petroleum product or flammable gases are NOT ALLOWED IN ANY CONTAINER.** There is a separate area for used propane which need to be completely empty, a disposal fee of \$2.00 is charged for tanks over 2lbs. – please see office before disposal. To help control improper disposal of certain materials, our Operating Plan, dtd. 30 April 2012, charges the facility with inspecting all waste entering the facility to ensure compliance. Generally, at our facility, this is limited to a quick visual check of materials brought in by truck or trailer to direct the resident to the correct disposal area. Please remember, waste disposal is, for the most part, controlled by the state not the towns and transfer stations and landfills are merely complying with regulations stipulated in their permits.

The 2022 Hazzard Waste Day for Alexandria is Aug 6th at the Regional High School from 08:30 – 12:00. For a complete list of areas and a list of what is and isn't acceptable go to: lakesrpe.org/serviceshhw.asp.

Ken has asked that I remind residents that tools such as rakes, shovels, saws, wire cutters, and box cutters are for use by residents while disposing of material at the transfer station. Please be sure to return any item you use at the transfer station to its original location, so it can be easily found by others who may need to use it.



Every Individual Can Contribute Li-Cycle, a Canadian company founded in 2022, has selected Veolia Water Technologies as a partner for its lithium-ion battery recycling plant in Rochester, New York. The facility will help give life back to the equivalent of approximately 225,000 electric vehicle batteries per year by utilizing Veolia's HPD® crystallization technology to process recycled lithium-ion battery materials.

As the global demand for cleaner, battery-based energy storage systems and electric vehicles is on the rise, so too is the need for sustainable solutions to recover the valuable materials inside them. Veolia's HPD crystallization technology is key in a final stage of the battery recycling process as it allows to optimize the creation of nickel sulfate and cobalt sulfate from lithium-ion batteries, and transform them into high-purity raw materials, ready to be used in new batteries. Li-Cycle will utilize Veolia's HPD crystallizers to produce nickel sulfate and cobalt sulfate that can then be resold to battery manufacturers – ultimately giving the original battery materials a new life. When fully operational in 2023, the Rochester facility will help create a sustainable, circular economy for lithium-ion batteries. "At Veolia, we apply our know-how in developing and adapting leading-edge technologies that contribute to the recovery of critical metals and components from end-of-life products. We have vast experience in the lithium production industry where we enjoy a technology leadership position and will now apply our expertise in crystallization to battery recycling. Active throughout the entire value chain of battery recycling, Veolia is proud to take another step forward towards building a circular economy for lithium-ion batteries." said Vincent Caillaud, CEO of Veolia Water Technologies.

Hats off to another company moving forward to harness technology to recycle heretofore wasted resources.



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.

Answer to trivia question: Incorporated in 1722 as the result of a grant from the British King and Governor Samual Shute of Massachusetts, Nottingham, NH was the first town in the nation to organize and implement a full-scale recycling program. The program began in 1973 as a means for the town to save money and within three years the town was recycling more than 50% of the town's waste. The Nottingham Recycling Center continues to serve the community today.



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Alexandria
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People often forget that the sun's position May 1st is the same as it is on July 16th. Don't forget the sunscreen when working outdoors!

Cleaning up the lawn, the beds around your house and turning over the vegetable garden is a traditional rite of spring here in New Hampshire. The material cleaned from your lawn and beds can be added to your compost pile. If you don't have a compost pile, now is a good time to start one.

Once your beds have been cleaned, adding mulch will help control weeds, help prevent erosion, and enhance the soil. Mulches you may wish to consider are: **Small Stone** – stones absorb more heat than organic materials, do not retain moisture and do nothing to enrich the soil. This option should be reserved for cool-climate flower gardens as reflective heat can spell disaster for some plants. **Cocoa Hulls** – these shells are full of nutrients that help build up your soil. Cocoa hulls have a pleasant brown hue that darkens over time. They help retain moisture but do tend to grow a harmless mold in humid areas. **CAUTION**; The cocoa hulls [like chocolate] are toxic to dogs if ingested. **Shredded Bark** – this material comes in a variety of colors and has a coarse, stringy texture that helps it from washing off steeper banks and breaking down too quickly. Generally, this type of mulch is preferred for use around shrubs and trees rather than in perennial flower or vegetable gardens. **Compost** – this is not as effective in preventing weeds as other mulches; however, it is an excellent way to build up nutrients in your soil. Compost is a good choice for flower beds and vegetables gardens. **Peat & Peat Moss** – is much like compost in that it is made up of decomposed organic or flora material. **Wood Chips** – as with the shredded bark, they are most effective around trees and shrubs and not in flower beds or vegetable gardens. They tend to turn gray with time.

Preparing your lawn for the season – Generally this will involve raking and fertilizing, and in some cases thatching and top dressing. There is one other thing that you should consider doing; having your soil tested by a local, independent lab at least every four years. Local laboratories are usually familiar with the area soils and can recommend fertilization that has proven reliable. The correct fertilizer in the correct amount will ensure the best results. Remember that fertilizer works its way into the soil where chemicals are released; a small amount may be washed away by storm water before it can be absorbed. Over fertilization not only increases the cost but results in more chemicals than necessary and can hurt your plants. The chemicals caught up in run-off storm water can find their way into lakes and streams causing pollution. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions when applying fertilizer to your lawn.

Other Community Events & Information



BLOOD DRIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2022 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Marian Center, 17 West Shore Road, Bristol, NH



Registration for the New Hampshire Marathon is now Open

Register for any of the races now at nhmarathon.com.

Not a runner? You can register to volunteer at the race website listed above or email race@nhmarathon.com for information on becoming a sponsor.



DANBURY WINTER MARKET

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER – MAY

Upcoming market day: Saturday, 5/7

The Blazing Star Grange #71 of Danbury NH sponsors the Danbury Winter Market to help sustain our local area, strengthen our local economy, maintain our rural landscape thru saving small family farms that preserve our green space. Our market season runs the first Saturday of November thru May from 9 to noon. Two changes this season - the time! and we're going an extra month with our in person market. Blazing Star Grange encourages your support of our Danbury Winter Market Vendors. Local farms provide a strong anchor in the security of local food supply and they, along with our artisan, strengthen our region's economy.

Market Location: Grange Hall, 15 North Road, Danbury NH, a stone's throw from the intersections of routes 4 & 104. For information contact Donna at 603-768-5579.

Meeting minutes, newsletters, alerts and other helpful information is updated on the Town's website on a regular basis.

Visit us at www.alexandrianh.com or find us on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/alexandrianh>



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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

Fire Department

PHONE: (603) 530-2229
FAX: (603) 744-3165
Emergency: 911
fire@alexandrianh.com

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: 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: info@alexandrianh.com
Phone: 603-744-3220
Mail: 47 Washburn Road
Alexandria, NH 03222

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 info@alexandrianh.com with any questions or concerns you would like included in the public meeting.

- Tuesday, May 3, 2022: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
- Thursday, May 5, 2022: Selectmen's Office Closed while staff attends training
- Wednesday, May 11, 2022: Selectmen's Office Closed while staff attends training
- Thursday, May 12, 2022: Selectmen's Office Closed while staff attends training
- Tuesday, May 17, 2022: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, May 18, 2022: Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, May 25, 2022: Conservation Commission Meeting at 6:30 pm at the Alexandria Village School, 44 Mount Cardigan Road, Alexandria, NH
- Tuesdays, May 31, 2022: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, June 8, 2022: Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office Closed while staff attends training

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