



ALEXANDRIA TODAY MAY 2023 EDITION

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Transfer Station

Transfer Station hours changed on April 15th 2023 as follows:

Monday: 8 am to 4 pm Wednesday: 8 am to 6 pm Saturday: 8 am to 4 pm
Please arrive 15 minutes prior to posted closing time.

Final permitting has been obtained for the gravel pit to be developed on the southern part of the town-owned parcel, and excavation of the access road and pit began in late April. We are engaged in locating financing for the transfer station itself, as directed by the voters in March. This has been made more difficult by the rise in interest rates over the past months, but we are continuing with that effort. In mid-April we submitted an application for a Community Facilities Direct Loan/Grant, which is part of the USDA's Rural Development program. If it were to be successful, this could provide a partial grant (up to 15% of cost) for the project, and favorable loan terms for the remainder.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

WELLINGTON STATE PARK PASSES

Wellington State Park Beach passes are not yet available. Each year, the Town applies for a special use permit from the State in order to provide the passes. We are waiting to hear back from the state on whether the special use permit has been approved for 2023. The special permit only grants the town the ability to sell passes to residents and/or taxpayers of the Town of Alexandria, their spouses and dependent children. The beach passes are nontransferable. Please keep in mind that the state recommends making reservations to the park otherwise access to the park is on a first come/first serve basis.

We will update our website and Facebook page when they become available. Thank you for your patience.

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, 2023**. 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

Are you behind in paying your mortgage, property charges, and/or utility payments? The Homeowner Assistance Fund Program provides assistance to eligible homeowners who have experienced a financial hardship during the COVID-19 public health crisis.

The NH Homeowner Assistance Fund program provides assistance to New Hampshire homeowners who have been affected in any way by an increase in expenses or a reduction in income as a result of the COVID-19 public health crisis. It 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. It is administered by New Hampshire Housing. Visit homehelpnh.org or call 1-800-974-1377 ext. 1014 for information or assistance with the application, financial counseling, and other resources.

Eligible homeowners must:

- Have experienced a COVID related reduction in income or increase in household expense after January 21, 2020.
- Own and occupy the property as their primary residence.
- Have incomes of less than 125% of Area Median Income.

NH Homeowner Assistance Fund provides financial assistance for past-due bills only. No forward assistance is currently available.

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The NH Homeowner Assistance Fund covers:

- Mortgage Loan Reinstatement - maximum benefit \$40,000*
- Property Charges Default Resolution - maximum benefit \$40,000*
- Utility/Internet Payment Assistance - maximum benefit \$5,000*

*Total maximum assistance per household is \$40,000

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Fire Department

Alexandria Community: Disaster Volunteerism

Do you have Medical Training? A Special Skill? ATV or Heavy Equipment?
Do you want to be able to help in the event of a local large-scale disaster or incident?

This year we have started working on an initiative to create a roster of community members of whom we can call on in the event of a large-scale incident or disaster. This would include any Alexandria residents who are willing to donate their time, medical assistance and/or resources, such as tools and/or heavy equipment, before, during, and after, a large-scale incident. Community Volunteer members can help by performing basic response activities, including checking in on their neighbors following an incident to make sure they are okay, assisting with search and rescue operations, and helping out with the emergency shelter, thus allowing professional responders to focus on more complex tasks. Community volunteers can also help by organizing, promoting, and participating in emergency preparedness events, activities, and projects. We all have a role to play in keeping our community safe. What role will you play? **If interested in being added to this roster, sign up forms are available at the Town Hall.**

CodeRED™ CodeRED® is the FREE community notification system available to Alexandria residents that will send you alerts concerning time-sensitive and/or emergency information that may impact your area via phone calls, text messages, emails, and social media. AVFD encourages you to actively participate in emergency preparedness by remaining informed.

Uses: The CodeRed® system will be used to send critical communications, from evacuation notices to missing child alerts.

Caller ID: When you see the following displayed, you will know the call is from us. If you would like to hear the last message delivered to your phone, simply dial the number back.

- Emergency notifications: 1-866-419-5000 or Emergency Comm
- General notifications: 1-855-969-4636 or General Comm

Privacy: Your contact information remains private and will only be used for community notifications.

Join Our Database: To make sure you receive notifications, please register at <http://alexandrianh.com> and click the sign-up button on the Fire Department page.

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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REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS

**If we can't find you
We can't help you.**

**This program is being one by the
Alexandria Volunteer Firefighters
Association.**

- * Highly Visible Day or Night
- * Reflective Material on Both Sides
- * Fade Resistant, Lasts for Years
- * Pre-drilled Holes

Order your reflective address marker today. It may help save you or someone you love.

Pick up order form in the Selectmen's Office or email info@alexandrianh.com with your name, street address, contact number, and whether you want the sign to be horizontal or vertical.

Signs are free, but if you would like to make a donation you can send it to:
Alexandria Volunteer Firefighters Association, PO Box 282, Bristol, NH 03222.

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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*

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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, and Thursday from 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/SCHEDULE:

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 2, 2023:	Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, May 16, 2023:	Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, May 17, 2023:	Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm
Monday, May 29, 2023:	Town Offices & Transfer Station Closed in observance of Memorial Day
Wednesday, May 31, 2023:	Conservation Commission Meeting at 6:00 pm at Alexandria Village School

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 Breezeline Channel 24 on Mondays at 8pm, Wednesdays at 9 am, and Saturdays at 3 pm

Other Community Events & Information



BLOOD DRIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2023 from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Newfound Regional High School, 150 Newfound Road, Bristol, NH
Wednesday, May 16, 2023 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Marian Center, 17 West Shore Road, Bristol, NH



Guided Hike of Pitman Town Forest in Alexandria

Alexandria—Join the Newfound Land Conservation Partnership (NLCP) and NLCP committee member Kim Sharp for a guided hike in the Pitman Town Forest of Alexandria on Friday, May 12 at 9am. This guided event kicks off a summer series of hikes exploring conserved lands in the Newfound Watershed. The Pitman Town Forest was acquired by Alexandria in 1981 and contains stone walls, the remains of buildings, and a variety of forest wildlife. This easy to moderate, approximately 2 mile hike has a few step-over streams. Registration is required and space is limited. Register online at NewfoundLake.org/events or call 603-744-8689.

The NLCP is a collaboration among the Newfound Lake Region Association (NLRA); the Society for the Protection of NH Forests; the Lakes Region Conservation Trust; the Nature Conservancy; and volunteer representatives from the towns of Hebron, Groton, Bristol, Bridgewater, and Alexandria. Since 2009, the Partnership has worked to promote land conservation within the Newfound watershed through education and community outreach. Learn more about conservation in the Newfound Watershed and why land conservation is important at NewfoundLake.org/NLCP. Land conservation as an important part of NLRA's work to protect the high-quality waters of Newfound Lake and its watershed, maintaining a healthy and diverse ecosystem. Through water quality and invasive species monitoring, educational events such as guided hikes and nature activities, and land conservation efforts that protect open spaces and help manage stormwater pollution, NLRA approaches conservation at the watershed level. You can learn more about NLRA's initiatives at NewfoundLake.org.

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