



ALEXANDRIA TODAY AUGUST 2024 EDITION

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Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office



The New Hampshire State Primary is quickly approaching. The State Primary will be held on September 10th. Polls will be open from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Elections are held at the Old Town Hall located at 45 Washburn Rd. If you are not registered to vote, and wish to do so, the last day to register to vote at the Town Clerk's office will be August 28th. If you are unable to come into the Town Clerk's office before or on August 28th, the Supervisors of the Checklist will be meeting at the Old Town Hall (45 Washburn Road) on August 29th from 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM. You can also register to vote and cast your ballot on Election Day. Absentee Ballots are available by request. An application for an Absentee Ballot for State Primary Election and State

General Election is available on line at alexandrianh.com. You can request an Absentee Ballot up until the day before the election. If you have any questions regarding Elections or Absentee Ballots, please do not hesitate to contact the Town Clerk's office at 603-744-3288.

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. Each year, the Town applies for a special use permit from the State in order to provide the passes. 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. Please plan ahead in the event the parking areas reach capacity. For more information or to make a reservation visit nhstateparks.org.

2024 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 or ID
– 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 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.

Selectmen's Office

Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program

The New Hampshire Office of Broadband Initiatives, within the New Hampshire Department of Business and Economic Affairs (BEA), is responsible for administering \$196.5 million in federal funds through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program. BEAD funding will be used to improve broadband infrastructure throughout the state, but before funding can be awarded to qualifying internet service providers, service location eligibility must be approved.

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In essence, the map on which BEAD funding will be based must go through a final review and determination process. This is referred to as the Challenge Process,” during which municipalities and nonprofits can submit a challenge to a location or locations that are designated served, underserved, or unserved, based on the availability of high-speed broadband service, if they disagree with the current designation.

Residents are also able to contribute to this process by providing public comments concerning designated locations, such as their own home address. The BEAD Challenge Process is only open July 15, 2024 – August 14, 2024. This process is required by the state and federal governments and critical to ensuring the mapping data utilized for BEAD awards is accurate and reliable.

Moreover, although federal regulations dictate that residents and businesses are not eligible to submit challenges directly, they are an essential part of the Challenge Process and the data submitted by eligible challengers may be gathered directly from residents and/or businesses that have not been provided the level of broadband service that is reportedly available to them.

Residents can use New Hampshire’s Resident Public Comment feature to submit evidence regarding the lack of service at their address, which can be reviewed and converted into challenges by qualified non-profit organizations and units of local or tribal government. If accepted under the terms of the BEAD Program and the New Hampshire Broadband Office corresponding evidentiary review, the challenge will likely make those locations eligible for BEAD funding (i.e., a broadband network deployer might receive funding for a portion of the cost of delivering broadband service to that location).

Residents can find additional information about the BEAD Challenge Process and links to the Public Comment Portal on the NH Office of Broadband Initiatives – Challenge Process website: [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act - NH Economy](#)

Resident Public Comment Resource Guide is available here: [NH-BEAD-Challenge-Process-Resident-Resource-Guide.pdf \(nheconomy.com\)](#)

The [Resident Public Comment Portal](#) will be available beginning July 15, 2024, and close August 14, 2024.

Fire Department

Alexandria Community: Disaster Volunteerism

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

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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.

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REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS

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

**This program is being done 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 fire@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.

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.nhdf.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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Other Community Events & Information



Tuesday, August 13, 2024 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Marian Center, 17 West Shore Road, Bristol, NH

BLOOD DRIVES

Newfound Lake Region Association

For more information or to registration for programs, visit newfoundlake.org or call 603-744-8689



Guided Exploration: Grey Rocks

August 2, 10 am – 12:00 pm

Grey Rocks Conservation Area, 178 N Shore Rd, Hebron, NH

Join NLRA Watershed Stewards to explore the trails and ecology of Grey Rocks! Grey Rocks has worn many ahtes through time, from wilderness to camp to marina to conserved property-get to know this space better as you take a new look at the habitats and wildlife. This program is free and open to all but registration is required. Visit newfoundlake.org to register.



NLRA Volunteer Day

August 8, 10 am to 12 pm

Grey Rocks Conservation Area, 178 N Shore Rd, Hebron, NH

From planting pollinator-friendly gardens to maintaining trails or restoring shorelines, this monthly, all-ages volunteer event is a great way to dip your toes in the work of conseving the watershed.



Nature Station: Tree Timelines!

August 13 and 17, 10 am to 12 pm

Grey Rocks Conservation Area, 178 N Shore Rd, Hebron, NH

Trees are amazing and do so much for the ecosystems they inhabit-capturing carbon and producing oxygen, soaking up water to reduce runoff, and providing habitat and food. We can learn a lot about trees from looking at their leaves and bark, but did you know that we can also learn from looking at the insides of trees? Join NLRA educators as we take a closer look at trees-search for common trees at Grey Rocks, learn about tree biology, and make a craft to take home! Nature Station is a drop-in program with activities designed for kids of all ages. This program is free and open to all.



Guided Exploration: Watershed Hike

August 16, 9 am to 12:30 pm Location TBD

Join NLRA Watershed Stewards and Newfound Land Conservation Partnership supporters on a hike through conserved land in the watershed. Protecting the health of Newfound Lake means protecting the areas upstream that filter, channel, and absorb water. You'll get a new perspective on the lake and what it takes to keep it clean! This program is free and open to all but registration is required. Dogs are not allowed.

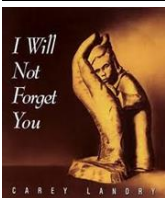


Guided Paddle: Northern Newfound Water Trail

August 22, 10 am to 12 pm

Grey Rocks Conservation Area, 178 N Shore Rd, Hebron, NH

Join NLRA Watershed Stewards on a guided paddle of the Northern Newfound Water Trail. Bring your kayak, canoe, or paddleboard for a great morning on the water! This tour of the northern end of the lake showcases a variety of habitats, the wildlife that depend on them, and the conservation efforts that help protect them. This program is free and open to all but registration is required.



DAY AWAY PROGRAM

The Day Away Program is a ministry of Holy Trinity Parish in Plymouth. A non-denominational /nonprofit program is held on Thursdays in Bristol at Our Lady of Grace Chapel in Simard Hall, 17 West Shore Road, from 9:00am to 3:00pm. It is a program for those individuals who have Alzheimer's Disease or related dementia. The program is designed to help them maintain their independence, encourage socialization, be mentally stimulated and remain active. Studies have shown that music therapy helps people with Alzheimer's Disease or dementia both cognitively and in movement. Therefore, every Thursday we have a visiting musician/singer at Day Away for a nice sing-along. Everyone participates and loves it !!!

Day Away offers a time of respite for the family and caregivers. It is a safe and comfortable environment, staffed by trained volunteers and a Registered Nurse. Participants make friends, enjoy crafts, lunch, games, light exercise, and, as mentioned, visits from the local musicians. A local poet, and a volunteer for Day Away Helen Duchene, once wrote "Our hearts a little warmer, a little kinder, a little stronger, after a day at 'Day Away'".

You may know someone who would benefit from our program. We encourage you to visit. We do need volunteers. Come to Day Away, tour, stay awhile. Day Away can be fun!

Contact information is: Sandra Coleman RN. BSN, (603)536-6304, sjrnett@roadrunner.com

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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 6 pm
Saturday: 8 am to 4 pm
**Please 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, 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. 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, August 6, 2024: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm*
Tuesday, August 13, 2024: Budget Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, August 14, 2024: Alexandria Hazard Mitigation Planning Team Meeting at 2 pm
Tuesday, August 20, 2024: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm*
Wednesday, August 21, 2024: Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, August 29, 2024: Conservation Commission Meeting at 6:00 pm at 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 Breezeline Channel 24 on Mondays at 8pm, Wednesdays at 9 am, and Saturdays at 3 pm

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2024 Lakes Region Household Hazardous Waste Collections



KEEP OUR LAKES REGION CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL!

Residents and taxpayers may bring up to **10 gallons or 50 pounds** of household hazardous waste to one of our regional collection sites!

Collection Sites and Dates

June 22, 2024 Collection

Franklin DPW Garage (43 W Bow St.)

July 27, 2024 Collection

Gilford DPW Garage (55 Cherry Valley Rd.)

Meredith DPW Garage (17 Jenness Hill Rd.)

August 3, 2024 Collection

Moultonborough Highway Garage (68 Hwy Garage Rd. Bristol (Newfound Regional High School))

September 28, 2024 Collection

Laconia Public Works Garage (27 Bisson Ave.)

Weekday Collection- September 26, 2024

Tuftonboro Transfer Station (20 Sargent's Crossing, off of NH Route 171)

PARTICIPATING COMMUNITIES

-Alexandria -Andover -Bridgewater -Bristol -Center Harbor -Effingham -Franklin -Gilford -Gilmanton -Hill -Holderness -Hebron -Laconia -Meredith -Moultonborough -New Hampton -Sanbornton -Sandwich -Tamworth -Tilton -Tuftonboro

YARD AND GARDEN

- Herbicides/Weed Killer
- Pesticides
- Pool chemicals
- Coal Tar-based Driveway Sealer

Household Items

- Toxic Art Supplies
- Cleaning Fluids
- Roofing Tar



GARAGE

- Car Wax Polish
- Antifreeze
- Carburetor Cleaners
- Gasoline & Diesel Fuel
- New, Used & Mixed Oil

WORKBENCH

- Paint Stripper
- Oil-based Paint
- Stains & Varnishes

On collection day attendees MUST:

- 1) Put HHW in a **cardboard box** in **open car trunk or truck bed!**
- 2) **STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE!**
- 3) Notify site staff if you want your fuel containers back.

Questions?



Call (603) 279-8171 x190 or 200

Visit lakesrpc.nh.gov

Find us on: Facebook & Instagram



ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

- Tires - Rechargeable Batteries - Smoke Detectors - Electronics
- Ammunition/Fireworks
- Radioactive Materials
- Asbestos - Propane Tanks
- Fluorescent Tubes, Ballasts, CFLs
- Thermostats - Thermometer - Any Other Mercury Containing Devices

NO LATEX or ACRYLIC PAINT!



Annual household hazardous waste collection events are organized by the Lakes Region Planning Commission, with financial support from participating communities and the NH Department of Environmental Services





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*Mapping and Planning Solutions
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91 Cherry Mountain Place
Twin Mountain, NH 03595*

Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Updated: July 3, 2024

Contact: June Gameau
603-991-9664

THE TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA COMMENCES HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING

The Alexandria Emergency Management Director (EMD) will meet with June Gameau of Mapping and Planning Solutions to work on the required five-year update to the **Alexandria Hazard Mitigation Plan**. The Town and Mapping and Planning Solutions are conducting a series of hazard mitigation meetings over the next few months to develop the plan.

During these public meetings, the Hazard Mitigation Planning Team (HMPT) will address natural, technological, and human-caused hazards such as Inland Flooding, Long-Term Utility Outages, and Transport Accidents; the Team will also determine "Action Items" to help mitigate the effects of these hazards. The Team will also review shelter sites and the need for generators at those sites.

By examining critical infrastructure and key resources, along with past hazards, the Team will establish priorities for future mitigation projects and steps that can be taken to increase public awareness of hazards in general.

As mandated by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, all municipalities must complete a local hazard mitigation plan to qualify for Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) funding should a natural disaster occur. FEMA grants make the planning processes possible.

The HMPT is currently being formed. Alexandria citizens and any interested stakeholders are invited to participate. The first meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 10, 2024, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM** via "Zoom". The public is encouraged to attend all meetings.

To be included in the process, all interested parties should contact George Clayman, Fire Chief & EMD, by email at fire@alexandrianh.com; interested parties will be added to the Zoom meeting invitation list. Future meetings are scheduled for August 14, September 18, October 16, November 13, and December 11, 2024. All meetings are scheduled for Wednesdays, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

More information on the hazard mitigation planning process is available from June Gameau at Mapping and Planning Solutions, jgameau@mappingandplanning.com.