



Municipal Matters

New London, New Hampshire

June 9, 2020

Selectmen Set September Primary Voting Location

New London voters will cast ballots in a new location for the September 8th Primary Election. After decades of voting in historic Whipple Memorial Town Hall, the Selectmen decided to hold voting at the Public Works Garage on South Pleasant Street. The new location will allow voters and election workers to maintain social distancing—a critical requirement to fight the spread of the coronavirus.

In making this decision, the Selectmen heard from Moderator Michael Todd, Assistant Moderator Ann Bedard, Town Clerk Will Kidder, Supervisors of the Checklist Celeste Cook and Carol Fraley, and Public Works Director Bob Harrington who viewed the space and recommended that it would work well for voting.



As the election approaches, there will be more information on how to get an absentee ballot, poll hours and more, so please stay tuned!



New London Recreation Summer Day Camp Will be Held This Summer!

New London Recreation Department is very excited to announce that after hearing from Governor Chris Sununu and carefully reading the Governors Economic Reopening Taskforce 2.0 guidelines that our "Sun N Fun" Day camp will be operating this summer.

The typical camp experience will look a little different this year. Daily health screenings for staff and campers, groups of 10 or less utilizing their own pod/space and supplies, lots and lots of hand washing, multiple drop off/pick up locations with safety measures and many other additional guidelines from the Stay at Home 2.0 Day Camp order to ensure the safety of our community. Hiking, playing and swimming will remain part of the weekly activities, but unfortunately no Wednesday special trips will be scheduled.

All camp procedures will be posted on www.nlrec.com by June 12th.

Each summer more than 60 campers attend the New London Recreation Dept. "Sun n Fun" Summer Day Camp weekly. This eight week program is filled with friends, games, arts & crafts, time at the beach and lifelong memories. Whipple Hall is the home base for the Recreation Department; as it is conveniently located next to the town green. Additional indoor space will also be utilized within the community to accommodate our large numbers of campers. Sufficient indoor space and bathrooms will allow camp to continue to operate in case of extreme heat or rain/lightning. As much as possible, campers will be spending time outside recreating and discovering all our community has to offer.

The New London Recreation Commission agrees that this summer, more than ever before, children

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need camp for essential childcare for working parents, but it also equips children with important mental well-being. Camp not only provides life skills such as: independence, confidence and problem-solving. We are confident that if we all work together camp can be safe and fun.

As required by the guidelines each pod of 10 campers/staff need their own supplies as to not cross contaminate between campers/staff. We are seeking donations of Legos, arts & craft supplies, coloring books, puzzles, kites, face masks, hand sanitizer, etc.

Justin Garzia, Chairman of the Recreation Commission, when asked about the decision to offer the program this year amid coronavirus concerns stated, *"The Recreation Commission supported Scott's recommendation to move forward with "Sun N Fun" Summer Day Camp after meeting with Scott and hearing his plan to adopt policies and procedures to meet the guideline for day camps in NH."*

Scott Blewitt, Recreation Director

Camp Scholarship Program

New London Recreation Department has received requests for partial or full scholarships to help defray the cost of camp. **Just \$125 will send one child to Summer Day Camp for one week.**

Please make checks payable to "New London Recreation Department" and put in the memo "camp scholarship program."

Checks can be mailed to:

**New London Recreation Department
375 Main Street,
New London, NH 03257**

Thank you kindly!
Scott Blewitt, Recreation Director



Gnome Doors of New London

Windy Hill Nursery Class has two resident Gnomes, Bob (left) and Cortland. They're often found in the morning playing in various areas of the classroom with the children's toys. They like to get into all sorts of mischief. Bob and Cortland have been residents for two years and on January 6, 2020, when the Windy Hill Nursery Class returned to school from Holiday Break, they found that Bob and Cortland had left a letter. They said they had family and friends who were looking to relocate to New Hampshire. The only way Gnomes can relocate is if they find special doors. Doors made and decorated by children. They get placed at the bottom of trees

in the wooded areas around town.

Bob and Cortland knew many new doors needed to be made and asked the Windy Hill Nursery Class for help. There are special rules for making Gnome doors. Bob and Cortland gave all the information in their letter. Doors must be made of wood and decorated with things found in nature, such as leaves, stones, branches, pinecones, acorns, shells, and feathers. The Windy Hill Nursery class, and their teachers Brenda White, Suzanna Brown and Karen Cook, were up to the task and took this job very seriously. They spent several days searching the 100 Acre Woods, Boulder Forest, and Mousey Meadow, collecting the materials they needed. These are places they have named over the years and visit often to explore and construct fairy houses and forts. Then they contacted Bob Brown, of the Conservation Commission, to ask him to cut door shapes out of wood. With all the materials in hand the children got to work.

They were so excited and very specific on how each door should be decorated and designed. They worked individually and in groups to make sure each door was beautifully ornamented so the Gnomes would love them and use them. Then they took the finished doors to Bob Brown so he could put a protective coating on the doors to shield them from the ever changing NH weather. Bob and Cortland also explained that the doors will only open for the Gnomes who reside there. They use magic to seal the doors when humans are around for their safety. You see, Gnomes are actually very shy and don't like to be seen, so if you find one of their doors, don't try to open it! Just enjoy how it looks.

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With the doors now in place, we've heard rumors that the Gnomes are moving in. The Windy Hill children are excited to hear that the Gnomes love the special doors created for their new homes.

When you go out on the trails around town you will see them tucked away here and there.

As a fun project, children 12 years old and younger can win free ice cream if they can find all of the Gnomes doors on the town's trails. Go to the NLCC web site for more information. http://www.nl-nhcc.com/trails/gnome_doors.htm



We ask the parents or guardians to take pictures of their kids as they find the Gnome doors, then share them with us. You can also post to the New London Conservation Commission and/or the New London Recreation Department Facebook page.

Adults can also work on winning their Trail Patch while looking for Gnome doors. The trail patch form can be downloaded from the NLCC web site:

<http://www.nl-nhcc.com/images/pdfs/TrailChecklist.pdf>



Public Works Projects



Brookside Drive Culvert Replacement

Work began last week on the second Brookside Drive culvert replacement project. The two culvert sites on Brookside were on the State of NH "Red Listed Bridges" indicating deficiencies that required replacement.

The contract was awarded to BUR Construction of Newport, NH at the bid price of \$259,000 and will take approximately three weeks to complete.

The first culvert, replaced in 2017, also by BUR Construction at a cost of \$204,000. This second culvert replacement, once completed, will remove New London from the State's list of red listed bridges.



Pictured above: Old culvert being removed.

*From the Desk of Nick Baer,
New London Health Officer*

Water testing for the town beaches will be completed soon. Check town web site for updates using this link:
[New London Town Beaches](#)

All citizens are encouraged to follow the New London Selectmen, Governor Sununu and CDC guidelines by wearing a protective mask when social distancing is not possible.



NEW LIFE GUARD STANDS



When visiting our New London town beaches, you will see some great new Life Guard stands. Thank you Matt Grimes, Building Maintenance, for the awesome new look!!



The New London Town beaches are open.

Remember to follow the [Beach Procedure during Covid-19](#).

Life guards are on duty Saturdays and Sundays, 10:00 am - 4 pm (weather permitting).

- ⇒ Beach use is limited to New London residents only. Beach Sticker required (no guest passes allowed).
- ⇒ There is limited parking, therefore, all must check in with attendant at entrance/exit.
- ⇒ Bathroom / changing room (single use only) will be open during the guarded hours only.
- ⇒ Playground, floating docks, boats, etc. will not be available.
- ⇒ Social distancing must be practiced at all times (minimum of 6 feet).
- ⇒ Group activities will not be allowed.

Thank you for your understanding during this difficult time. We care deeply about our staff and patrons.

STAY SAFE AND ENJOY YOUR SUMMER

I want to be a K9 Vilo Supporter!

Here is my donation in the amount of: _____
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K9 Program.

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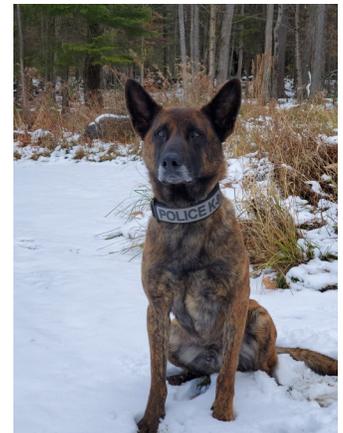
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Please make check payable to:

Town of New London K9 Fund

and mail to: 375 Main Street, New London, NH 03257

Thank you for your support!!



Tips on Avoiding Unbearable Conflicts



Although black bears are generally shy and usually avoid humans, they are opportunistic and will search for human food supplies when natural foods are not available. Maintaining a sustainable bear population in New Hampshire depends on minimizing human-bear conflicts. The majority of conflicts can be avoided. Here are some tips on preventing bear problems:

RESIDENTIAL PREVENTION

- Take down, clean and put away bird feeders by mid-April. Bear damage to bird feeders is a common and growing early spring complaint.
- Clean up spilled seed below feeder stations.
- Keep garbage in airtight containers inside your garage or storage area. Double bagging and the use of ammonia will reduce odors that attract bears.
- Garbage for pickup should be put outside the morning of collection and not the night before.
- Do not place meat or sweet food scraps in your compost pile.

- Do not leave pet food or dishes outdoors at night.
- Clean up and/or store outdoor grills after use.
- Use a bear-proof dumpster.
- Do not intentionally feed bears to attract them to your yard for viewing.

CAMPING PREVENTION

- Maintain a clean campsite.
- Put food scraps and fat drippings in closed containers, not in the campfire.
- Do not cook or eat in your tent.
- Keep food and cooking gear separate from your sleeping area.
- Keep food in a closed-up vehicle or hang food at least 10 feet off the ground and five feet out on a limb that will not support a bear.
- Do not feed bears.

AGRICULTURAL PREVENTION

- Use electric fencing around beehives and livestock.
- Bury or incinerate livestock carcasses.
- Leave unplanted open lanes between forest and fields.
- Alternate row crops to provide less cover.
- Monitor field crops in August to detect damage activity.



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For information on camping or agricultural preventions, contact:
N.H. Cooperative Animal Damage Control Program
91A North State Street
Concord, NH 03301-4434
Tel. (603) 225-1416



**NEW HAMPSHIRE
FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT**
2 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301
(603) 271-3211

PUBLIC NOTICE

Transfer Station will be
CLOSED

Saturday, July 4

**In observation of
Independence Day Fourth of July**

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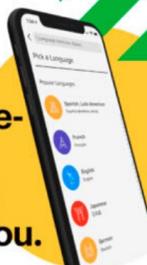


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REMINDER

Tax bills were mailed out in May
and the 1st Quarter payment is
due July 1st.

Town Offices are CLOSED to public traffic.

Transactions like property taxes, vehicle registra-
tion & sewer bills can be done online:

www.nl-nh.com/pay

Applications for permits, credits & exemptions are
available online: www.nl-nh.com/forms

Call us for assistance

Monday - Friday, 8am -4pm

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: 526-1244 or 1245

Main number: 526-4821

JUNE CALENDAR

Until further notice, public meetings
are being held remotely using the
ZOOM meeting platform.

Refer to the meeting calendar &/or
agendas for the Information on how
to join the meeting.



- TUES., JUNE 9 @ 6:30 PM - PLANNING BOARD
- THURS., JUNE 11 @ 8:30 AM - MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE
- MON, JUNE 15 @ 1:30 PM - BUILDING/FACILITY SUBCOM
- MON., JUNE 15 @ 6:00 PM - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
- WED., JUNE 17 @ 8:30 AM - CONSERVATION COMM.
- THURS., JUNE 18 @ 11:00 AM - RECREATION COMM.

JULY

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- WED., JULY 1 @ 7:00 PM - ENERGY COMMITTEE
- **FRI, JULY 3 - TOWN OFFICES CLOSED - HOLIDAY OBSERVED**
- **SAT, JULY 4 - TRANSFER STATION CLOSED - 4TH OF JULY**

For a complete list of meetings go to the town website:

www.nl-nh.com

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