



Municipal Matters

New London, New Hampshire

October 2017

Budget Preparation Process Now Underway Joint Meetings Being Held

The New London town budget is being discussed by the Selectmen, the Budget Committee, town department heads and various organizations that seek funding from the town. Citizens are encouraged to participate in this process that culminates with a vote at town meeting on March 14, 2018.

The Selectmen and Budget Committee are approaching this process in a slightly different way this year – they are meeting jointly to hear presentations so that department heads do not have to present the same budget twice. Each board has the opportunity to ask questions and then will deliberate and come to their own conclusion on the budget that will be presented to town meeting voters.

Upcoming budget review meetings are: Monday, October 16th, October 30th and November 6th – they are held at the town office and begin at 6:30pm. The town website includes a calendar of all meetings and includes meeting minutes and budget materials for easy review by the public. Interested citizens can also come to the town office to review paper copies of all budget material.

Fire Prevention Week October 8th -14th



New London Firefighters don their gear to demonstrate what they look like in full turnout gear.

As the leaves change color, it signals another annual event, which is Fire Prevention Week. Here, at the NLFD, we call it Fire Prevention Month as 500 kids from preschool to 5th grade age visit our station in October. Fire Prevention Week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire October 8-9, 1871. This tragic event killed more than 250 people and left more than 100,000 homeless. This event was the catalyst for reform across America, spurring new fire safety codes and public awareness campaigns. This year's focus is making sure that you have a second way out.

Here are a few safety tips that you could consider:

- * Every home needs working smoke detectors. Test them monthly and replace the batteries if applicable when you change your clocks during daylight savings.
- * Install smoke alarms in every bedroom and outside each sleeping area.
- * For the best protection, interconnected smoke detectors are recommended so when one is activated, they all go into alarm.
- * Have an evacuation plan, that includes: Two ways out & a meeting place.
- * Practice a fire drill at home. Although all schools are required to have at least 10 drills a year, only 23% of kids nationally practice evacuations at home.
- * Stay in the kitchen when cooking. Every year 38% of all building fires are caused from cooking fires that spread throughout the building structure.
- * Make sure that combustibles are at least 3ft (36") from heating sources.

The New London Fire Department is happy to conduct a home fire safety inspection. If you are interested please call 526-6073 to schedule an appointment.



Trick or Treat Road Closures

To keep our little pumpkins safe the following road will be **CLOSED** on:

Saturday, October 28, 2017
from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Main Street from Seamans Road
to Newport Road

**"RETURN OF THE
PUMPKIN PEOPLE"
CONTEST**

October 1st - 31st

**Register your business,
organization or your
family residence!**

**Free to join.
Great prizes for
top winners.**

**Call Scott at 526-6401 or
email at www.nlrec.com**

[Click here to register.](#)



LOW PLAINS HAS A NEW GATE

The selection of trails will lead to many different viewing areas for all to observe. There is over 100 acres of trails for people of all ages to get out and discover the area's natural features.

Shown here is the Davis Path into the marsh lookout shelters (also known as the duck blinds.) This is a great time to visit the marsh due to the migrating ducks and geese that stop over and rest before their journey South.



**FALL PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH
AT TRACY MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

- **Pre School Story Time** with Ms. Kristine -- Tuesday and Wednesday mornings starting at 10:00 a.m.
- **LEGO Club** for ages 5 and up - Wednesdays 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Starts Oct. 4th! No sign up required -- Drop in and join the fun!
- **After School Student Cafe** for grades 4 and up - Movies and Snacks the 2nd Thursday of the Month - Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec 14 3:00 - 4:45. p.m.
- **Halloween Night** at the Library! Tuesday, October 31 6:30 -7:30 p.m. Grades K-5 (ages 5 - 11) Join us for stories, games, and fun! Wear a costume if you wish! Sign up is required for this event so we can plan enough goodies for all!
- **Youth Book Club** for ages 9 - 12 Starts in November! First meeting is Tuesday, November 14 - 7:00 - 7:45 p.m. More details soon!

Stop by and check out the many new books in our youth and teen collections. Hope to see you soon at the Library! Ms. Lorreen Keating, Head of Youth Services

**L A S T Household Hazardous
Waste Collection Day**

October 21, 2017 @ Lebanon Waste Facility
9AM to Noon on 370 Plainfield Road (Rt. 12A South)

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Monday, Oct. 16 — Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee @ 6 PM
- Wednesday, Oct. 18 — Conservation Commission @ 8:30 AM
- Tuesday, Oct. 24 — Planning Board @ 6:30 PM
- Monday, Oct. 30 — Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee @ 6 PM
- Wednesday, Nov. 1 — Energy Committee @ 7 PM
- Monday, Nov. 6 — Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee @ 6 PM
- Monday, Nov. 6 — Board of Firewards @ 4:30 PM at NL Fire Department
- Tuesday, Nov 7— Recreation Commission @ 5 PM Whipple Hall
- **Friday, Nov 10— Veteran's Day Observed CLOSED**

Unless otherwise noted, meetings take place at the Town Offices, 2nd floor. For a complete list of meetings go to the town website: www.nl-nh.com