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TOWN OFFICE HOURS

PHONE: 628-4441 FAX: 628-4440

The Town Office hours are as follows:

Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett - Ext. 1

Town Clerk: Alicia Wills - Ext. 2

Deputy Town Clerk: Annette Folco - Ext. 2

Vital statistics & dog licensing	
Tuesday & Wednesday	12pm - 2pm
Thursday	
1st Sat. of ea. month (except holiday week	ends)8am - 11am

CEO: Robert Dunphy - Ext. 5

1st and 3rd Tuesday1pm - 3pm

Assessor's Agent: Terri Lamontagne - Ext. 3

Fire Department: Chief Kip Poulin - Ext. 4

Email for Town Manager nwprtlnd@tds.net

Remember...

- <u>Selectmen's Meeting</u> 1st Tuesday & 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm
- New Portland Fire Department Meeting 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm
- NP Community Library Hours:

• Kingfield-New Portland Transfer Station Hours:

- <u>Library Board of Trustees Meeting</u> 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm
- Planning Board Meeting
- 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm
 New Portland Water District
 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm
- School Board Meeting 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm
- Wire Bridge Thrift Shop open every Saturday
- Knitwits & Happy Hookers (NPCL)
 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month at 10:00 am

Selectmen

January Selectmen's meeting is postponed to January 7th due to the holiday

Wire Bridge Sno-Travelors

The December meeting was called to order with ten members present. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

Trail Master: Kendall reported he had talked to Joe Higgins from the Snowmobile Grant Program, and both grants had been received and approved. Joe also told Kendall that he had ridden our trails last winter, and they were in very good condition. Lewis has received landowner permission to use the field crossing the airport on the Airport Road. It was also reported that we have one more bridge that needs to be replaced on ITS 84. A work session will be scheduled soon.

Social Director: Janine wanted to remind everyone, conditions pending, the club is planning a ride for February 9. So mark that on your calendar.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm with our annual Christmas party following.

The next meeting is January 19.

Have a happy and safe holiday season.

Submitted: Joyce Knowles, Secretary

Recreation Committee

The committee did not meet in December but will meet the third Thursday in January 2013.

It was a very busy and productive year for the committee. We were able to complete the playground and basketball court. We organized the October Fest with horse drawn wagon rides, scarecrow contests and apple pie contest. We had many community people come and enjoy the fun.

New Portlander article submission deadline is Jan. 25 by 4:00 pm.

Any articles, submissions, information for publication should be received by:

Dallas Landry • PO Box 34, North New Portland, ME 04961 • phone 628-4201 • email: bigd@tdstelme.net If there are any questions or needs regarding the receiving of the *New Portlander*, those inquiries should be directed to the Town Manager.

In December we did the horse-drawn wagon ride from the Community Room to the North Village. Everyone sang and laughed and enjoyed each other's company. After the ride everyone came into the community room for a prime rib dinner with all the fixings and dessert. The selectmen served the meals and were able to say "hi" to all the citizens. We served 57 people who came to join us for the meal and a few took home the meals. It was a wonderful evening that was enjoyed by all.

The committee will meet in January to try to plan events for the coming year. If anyone has suggestions or ideas please feel free to attend the meeting or call one of the members. The members are Jessie Campbell, Stacy Rundlett and Judi Wills. We meet in the community room and the meeting starts at 6:30. Please check to make sure we are meeting, just in case members have something that might come up and cause a change in the date or time.

Happy New Year to all. Respectfully...

Submitted: Judi Wills

New Portland Community Library

From the Librarian – Shelby Newell: I've been working on library statistics and am thrilled to see that the library is constantly growing and becoming a more bustling part of the community. At the end of 2011, we had 700 MORE people through the door than the year before, and I'm pleased to say that as 2012 drew to a close, we were up almost another 400 people using our library. So, since the end of 2010, that's 1,100 more people coming in and checking out books, movies, audiobooks, using computers, holding meetings, attending activity nights, participating in children's programs, and enjoying the artwork. Thank you to all who have made the New Portland Community Library part of your life.

Don't forget that you can come into the library and use our computers to access the Learning Express Library through Marvel! Maine's Virtual Network. This resource provides college preparation practice tests, job search and workplace skills, skill building in math, writing, finance and budgeting, reading, science, and public speaking.

There will be a Children's Hour at 10 am on January 12. The theme will be "A Moose is Loose in the Library!" by Kay Michka. Every time the library is open in January and February, our resident moose will be loose somewhere in the library. Each time you visit, drop your name in the box to tell where you spot it, and you may be the lucky prize winner of two movie theater tickets, plus more prizes in the end! Call Kay before 9:00 am on January 12 at 628-2014, if the weather is questionable.

NEW TO OUR SHELVES:

ADULT FICTION — *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver, *The End of Your Life Book Club* by Will Shwalbe, *Life Among Giants* by Bill Roorbach, *The Elephant Keeper* by Christopher Nicholson

YOUNG ADULT FICTION — *Reached* by Ally Condie (3rd in the *Matched* series)

EARLY CHAPTER BOOKS — *Roscoe Riley Rules* series by Katherine Applegate

Reminder — With winter upon us, the library will be closed if area schools are closed due to inclement weather. Normal library hours are M, W, F 4:00 – 6:00 pm and Sat 10:00 am – noon; book return in mailbox on porch 24 hours a day; phone to extend a checked out book is 628-6561. The library is located at 899 River Road across from the Town Office.

Book Club — Kay Michka: We will meet at 6:30 pm on January 10 to discuss books each individual read during his or her holiday season. Each person can give a quick synopsis about the story and style, then answer any questions others may have. We usually end up swapping a book or two as personal loans on these free-for-all discussion nights. I noticed some really great new reads Shelby has added to the shelves, so there's plenty of time to select one and join us.

In the meantime, please gather book suggestions and bring them to the meeting, if you can, and we will vote that January night for February's read....maybe even March, if we have a lot of ideas. Ask around at family gatherings and the avid readers at your workplace for suggestions, please. April will continue to be Community Poetry Night for that particular book discussion.

Library Art — Lolly Phoenix: OUESTION:

What do Donald Albertini, Wahleyah Black, Stephanie Campbell, Joy Cross, Jimmy Tindall and Nora West have in common?

ANSWER:

- A) They all live in New Portland.
- B) They are all talented artists.
- C) Their paintings will be on display at the New Portland Community Library from January through March.
- D) ALL OF THE ABOVE!

Keep your eyes and ears open to find out when the reception will be held! Come by the library to see this lovely show, and also what else is in store during the winter!

Friends of the Library — Petrina Bearor: Activity Night at the New Portland Library will be January 16, 2013 at 6:30 pm. The topic this month will be Winemaking 101 with Patty Cormier of Kennebec Home Brew Supplies in Farmington (kennebechomebrew.com). Patty will be giving tips on making your own beer or wine! Please join us for an informative, interesting, and fun evening. Refreshments will be available.

Knitwits and Happy Hookers will meet on the second and fourth Thursdays at 10:00 am in January. The dates are January 10 and January 24. If area schools are closed due to the

weather, we will not meet. Remember this is a free, fun morning. Looking forward to seeing you and your projects.

100 Club winners for November 2012 include Bert Dyer, Arlene Newell, Franklin-Somerset Credit (three), New Portland Lions Club, Alison Thayer, Jordans, Wright Pinkham, Tucker Clague, Stacie and Brian Rundlett and Joan Moes.

The 100 Club will be starting another year in March. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Petrina Bearor at 628-3061. Several members of one household may join, also. Yearly membership is \$60. We may be able to set up a budget plan for you. You will be given a number which will be put in the kitty. Three numbers are drawn weekly for prizes: 1st is \$25, 2nd is \$15 and 3rd is \$10. Several of our members donate their winnings back to the library. However, you may want your winnings, so checks will be mailed out at the end of each month. This is our big fund raising project. Please support your library and become a member. Letters will be sent to current members the first of February or sooner.

Submitted: Kay Michka

New Portland Historical Society

I would like to thank everyone who helped in anyway to make the New Portland Historical Society craft sale a great success. Nan Berry won the Longerberger Christmas throw and Floyd Rounds won the Longerberger basket and Cabbage Patch Baby. Thanks again!

Submitted: Marilyn Gorman, New Portland Historical Society

New Portland Water District

The New Portland Water District was recently awarded a plaque and a check for \$100.00 for having the best tasting water in the state (no chlorine or other disinfectants). This was awarded at the 26th Annual Drinking Water Taste Test in Freeport, Maine on December 6, 2012.

Submitted: Marilyn Gorman, Trustee of the New Portland Water District

Animal Control

It is time to license your dog(s) for the year 2013. If you do it NOW it will save you paying the \$36.00 for license fees and LATE charges. Any questions please call 779-7769. Thank you

Submitted: Lorie Agren, CEO

Thank You

In loving memory of Graydon M. Robinson who died in his home on November 9, 2012 early Friday morning at the age of 80. He was a resident of New Portland for 34 years. Graydon loved New Portland and its people. He was an avid reader and visited the library weekly.

His wife Virginia of 42 years and the Robinson family wishes to thank all the many residents for their sympathy, kindness, cards and flowers.

Sincerely, Virginia Robinson

Community Churches

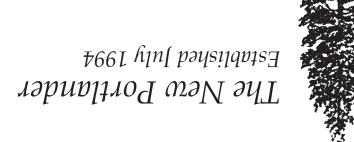
The Western Mountains Baptist Church will begin the New Year by adding a mid-week service. Beginning January 2, 2013, community members who are unable to attend a Sunday morning church service will now have the option to attend a Wednesday evening service. Weekly Wednesday services will be held at the church at 6:30 pm. For more information call Pastor Tom Du-Bois at 557-3802 or leave a message at the church. 265-2557. You may also email: westernmountainbaptist@tds.net.

Submitted: Crystal Fitch



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NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR JANUARY 2013



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	School Board Mtg 6 pm Planning Board Mtg 6:30 pm	3	4	TOWN OFFICE OPEN 8am - Noon Wire Bridge Thrift Store Open
West Village Church	Selectmen's Mtg. 6:30 pm	8 NPFD Mtg 6:30 pm Library Board Mtg, - 6 pm	Water District 7 pm	Knitwits & Happy Hookers NPCL - 10 am Book Club at 6:30 pm	11	Children's Hour 10 am at NPCL Wire Bridge Thrift Store Open
West Village Church 11 am	14	Recreation Committee Meeting 6:30 pm	Activity Night 6:30 pm at NPCL	17	18	Sno-Travelors 6:30 pm Wire Bridge Thrift Store Open
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