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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

Deputy Town Manager: Kristen Seeley - Ext. 0

Tax collecting, registrations, hunting & fishing licenses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 11am - 5pm
Thursday 2pm - 7pm
1st Sat. of ea. month (except holiday weekends) 8am - 12pm

Town Clerk: Alicia Wills - Ext. 2

Deputy Town Clerk: Donna Stout

Vital statistics & dog licensing

Wednesday 12pm - 2pm
Thursday 3pm - 7pm
1st Sat. of ea. month (except holiday weekends) 8am - 11am

CEO: Robert Dunphy - Ext. 5

1st and 3rd Tuesday 1pm - 3pm

Assessor's Agent: Terri Lamontagne - Ext. 3

By Appointment Only Until Further Notice

Fire Department: Chief Kip Poulin - Ext. 4

Email for Town Manager nwprtInd@tds.net

Remember...

- **Selectmen's Meeting**
1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm
- **Selectmen's Work Session**
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:**
Mon, Wed, Thurs 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Tuesday 10:00 am - noon
Saturday 10:00 am - noon
- **Kingfield-New Portland Transfer Station Hours:**
Wed, Sat, and Sun 7:30 am - 4:30 pm
Friday 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm
- **Library Board of Trustees Meeting**
2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm
- **Planning Board/ Comprehensive 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
new hours 10:00 am - Noon.
- **Knitwits & Happy Hookers (NPCL)**
2nd & 4th Thursday of each month at 10:00 am

Town Clerk

MSAD #74 Public Hearing Date: Thursday, May 1, 2014; Time: 6:00 pm; Location: Carrabec High School Cafeteria

MSAD #74 School Budget Referendum Vote Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2014; Time: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm; Location: New Portland Fire Station/911 River Road.

ALL NEW PORTLAND TAXPAYERS ARE STRONGLY URGED TO ATTEND THE HEARING AND THE ELECTION!

Submitted: Alicia Wills, Town Clerk

New Portland Community Library

From the librarian, Shelby Newell - Hello, New Portlanders! I'm very pleased to announce that the library will now be adding Tuesday mornings to our schedule of open hours! We'll be open from 10:00 am - noon. I hope that having another morning will help some get to the library. Thanks to the wonderful Library Volunteers who are the reason this can happen.

The library was very fortunate to have recently received a grant to help us make some improvements to the library. We are excited to get started on some projects that were outlined in the grant. Thanks to Lolly Phoenix for writing the grant along with Joan Moes! We appreciate the time spent on this project. One step has almost been completed; the walls in the library have received a fresh coat of paint, and they look fantastic!

Children's books: *Imagine A Day* and *Imagine A Night* by Sarah L. Thompson; Young Adult: *Three Times Lucky* and *The Ghosts of Tupelo Landing* by Sheila Turnage, *Cress* by Marissa Meyer, *Geeks, Girls, and Secret Identities* by Mike Jung; Fiction: *Still Life with Bread Crumbs: A Novel* by Anna Quindlen, *The Bootlegger* by Clive Cussler, *The Here and Now* by Anne Brashares, *Afterburn/Aftershock* by Sylvia Day, *Starting Now* by Debbie Macomber; DVD: *Delivery Man*, *Anchorman 2*, *Catching Fire*, *Frozen*

Friends of the Library: Katie Handrahan and Kay Michka -

Knitwits and Happy Hookers meet at 10 am on the second and fourth Thursday of every month.

100 Club Winners are Gregg & Pat Drummond, Dallas Landry, Greg West, Jennifer & Brian Mcnanney, Jordans, Enviro-Mats, Arlene Trudell, Robert Whitten, Betty Cobb, Agnes Dodd, Rosemary Drosky, Anna Boucher, Wanda Calder, Ella Clauge, Linda Dewolf. Congratulations, winners!

Saturday, May 24, the library will be holding a Chinese Auction

New Portlander article submission deadline is May 20 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.

fundraiser at the Happy Horseshoe Campground. From 10:00 – 11:00 am, buy your tickets and choose the items you want to try to win. Winners must be present and will be announced beginning at 11:00 am. Twenty tickets will cost \$2.00. There will be a 50/50 raffle, too. From Tindall's Country Store, travel north on Long Falls Dam Road for 2.7 miles; campground is on the left.

If you have a new or gently used item or two that you would like to donate for the auction, please call Kay Michka at 628-2014. Leave a message with your name and phone number, if no answer. We are looking for clean items in good working order. Just about anything that would go in a yard sale is fine..camping, crafting, games, tools, fishing, jewelry, summertime fun items, whatnots, etc... *No used clothing, shoes, stuffed animals, or VHS videos. Sorry.*

The annual Plant, Bake, and Book Sale date had to be delayed until May 31, 9:00 am - noon, due to snow and frozen ground. If you have any extra vegetable or flower seedlings, plants you are dividing out from flowerbeds or extra plants, please donate them to this library fundraiser. Outdoor plants sell better than indoor ones. Library volunteers will soon be calling for supporters to bake bread, rolls, brownies, pies, cinnamon rolls, muffins, and biscuits, which are always in demand at the sale. Hard and soft cover books will be for sale. Face painting for the little ones will be available for a donation. This is one of the library's biggest fundraisers, so we appreciate everyone who donates and those who come to buy the good food and plants.

There will be a Ladies' Tea in June. Look for details on Facebook, at the post office, and in the June *New Portlander*.

Submitted: Kay Michka

Sno-Travelers

The April meeting was called to order with 17 members present. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

TRAIL MASTER'S REPORT: Kendall reported that he has the club grant ready to send and the municipal grant will be ready soon to send to Augusta. Lewis stated the groomer is done for the year. This season over 270 hours were spent grooming our snowmobile trails.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR: The annual land owners' supper was held prior to the meeting. We would like to thank all of the club members who helped with the supper. It was great to have so many there to help.

NEW BUSINESS: During our May meeting we will be electing officers for the next season. The club voted to continue giving a scholarship to a graduating student from Carrabec High School.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

The last meeting for the season will be held on Saturday, May 17, starting at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you there. Enjoy your last few rides of the season!

Submitted: Joyce Knowles

Announcement

American Legion Post 61 at 62 School Street in Kingfield is resuming Bingo on Saturday, April 19. Doors open at 5:30 pm, games begin at 6:30 pm.

Submitted: Jim Williamson, Bingo Chairman, 265-5323

Citizens Corner

I'm following up on my comment last month about poor DSL service in New Portland. I've since learned that the problem in the West Village area could easily be corrected by extending the fiber optic cable from where it ends near the fire station to the West Village phone building. TDS has long been aware of this solution but is unwilling to make the investment. Please join me in urging TDS to fulfill their commitment to bring high speed service to New Portland.

DSL users should call customer service at 877-319-6523 and dial 0 to get a representative. Explain that you're not getting the service that you're paying for and request a billing adjustment. You should receive a \$10 credit per month. Express your desire for TDS to do the right thing for their customers and put in the fiber cable. I was told that the improvement will come if enough people speak up.

Submitted: Thom Dodd

Community Churches

We are eagerly looking forward to the arrival of Rev. Susan Thomas at the beginning of May. Her first Sunday with us will be May 4 in that service of communion. We are also busy preparing for her ordination to be held on Saturday, May 17 that is attended by church members, community members, members of the clergy and Presbytery officials. It is a service of celebration for the work that Susan will do here with us in the following years. Please join us at 11:00 am on May 17 North New Portland Church. This is a joint service with Fairbanks Union Church. There will be a light luncheon following the service.

The first church supper was held on April 17. Roast pork was on the menu and it was excellent. That you to everyone who attended and to all those who helped with food and serving. The supper went very well and we are looking forward to a pot roast supper on May 15 at 5:00 pm. at 5pm. Don't miss it. You can eat in or carry out!

As always, the thrift store is open for business on Saturday mornings. Spring into spring with a new thrift store ensemble.

Services are held at the West New Portland Church at 11:00 am with coffee hour at 10:30 am. There will be no service in New Portland on May 18. Please join us in Fairbanks Union Church in Farmington at 10:00 am to celebrate Rev. Susan Thomas first Sunday service as our newly ordained minister.

May 4 (Communion) – Susan Thomas and Doug Walrath; May 4, 2:00 pm - concert by Joel and Louise and Austin and Elaine Marden at Fairbanks Union Church; May 11 – Susan Thomas; May 17, 11 am, North New Portland Church – Ordination and Installation of Susan Thomas; May 18 – Rev. Susan Thomas; May 25 – Rev. Doug Walrath; Respectfully...

Submitted: Nan Berry

Approximately 60 people celebrated the 5:45 am "sonrise" service on Easter morning at the Western Mountains Baptist Church followed by a huge breakfast. Praise and worship songs were sung especially loud in joyful remembrance of our risen King.

The monthly Potluck Supper will return for the month of May. It will be held at the church on May 9 at 6:00 pm. It will be nearing summer, so bring a summer dish to share and enjoy the fellowship of family, friends and neighbors. Call Kathy at 265-4651 for more information.

Youth Group continues to meet on Thursday evenings, from 5:30-7:30 pm. For more information on how to get your child involved please call 265-2019 or 265-6361. Td: Nan Berry

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The Gems Club will meet May 9 and May 30. The young girls (ages 4-12) will be celebrating Mother's Day with a craft and also receiving crochet lessons this month. Volunteer Dot Lambert of Kingfield will share her long time skill of crocheting with the girls. For more information please text Rosie Bates at 779-4524.

The Western Mountains Baptist Church has Sunday worship service at 10:00 am Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 am. For more information about the learning opportunities at WMBC, please call 265-2557.

Happy Mothers Day

Submitted: Crystal Fitch





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NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR
MAY 2014



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|---|-----------|---|--------|--|
| New Portland Community Church service at 11:00 am each Sunday with coffee hour at 10:30 am at the West Village Church WMBC Men's Breakfast first Saturday of each month 8:00 am WMBC Women's Breakfast second Saturday of each month 9:00 am WMBC Women's Fellowship 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm | | | | 1 MSAD #74 Public Hearing 6:00 pm at Carrabec High School Cafeteria | 2 | 3 |
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| 18 | 19 Selectmen's meeting 6:30 pm Work Session | 20 Deadline for the New Portlander 4:00 pm | 21 | 22 Knitwits & Happy Hookers NPCL 10:00 am-noon | 23 | 24 Chinese Auction at Happy Horseshoe Campground 10:00 - 11:00 am benefit NPCL |
| 25 | 26 | 27 New Portland Fire Dept. Meeting 6:30 pm | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 Plant, Bake, and Book Sale 9:00 am - noon at NPCL |