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The Town of New Portland is an equal opportunity employer and service provider.

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

PHONE: 628-4441 • FAX: 628-4440

The Town Office hours are as follows:

Town Manager/CEO: Stacie Rundlett - Ext. 1

Deputy Town Manager: Kristen Mitchell - Ext. 0

Tax collecting, registrations, hunting & fishing licenses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday11am - 5pm

Thursday2pm - 7pm

1st Sat. of ea. month (except holiday weekends)..... 8am - 12pm

Town Clerk: Kristen Mitchell - Ext. 2

Deputy Town Clerk: Stacie Rundlett

Vital statistics & dog licensing

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday11am - 5pm

Thursday2pm - 7pm

1st Sat. of ea. month (except holiday weekends)..... 8am - 12pm

LPI: Robert Dunphy - Ext. 5

Assessor's Agent: Terri Lamontagne - Ext. 3npassessor1@gmail.com

Monday and Tuesday.....9am - 5pm

Fire Department: Chief Kip Poulin - Ext. 4

Email for Town Manager nwprtld@tds.net

Email for Town Clerk..... newportlandtownclerk@gmail.com

Remember...

- **Selectmen's Meeting**
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:**
Mon, Wed, Thurs4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Tuesday and Saturday morning from 10:00 am - noon (Thank you)
- **Kingfield-New Portland Transfer Station Hours:**
Wed, Sat, and Sun.....7:30 am – 4:30 pm
- **Library Board of Trustees Meeting**
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
New hours 10:00 am - Noon.
- **Knitwits & Happy Hookers (NPCL)**
2nd & 4th Thursday of each month at 10:00 am

Kindergarten Screening

Kindergarten Screening for Fall 2016 for MSAD 74 / RSU 74 (Anson, Embden, New Portland & Solon) will be holding kindergarten screening for all pre-school aged children entering kindergarten in the fall. Children must be five years of age on or before October 15, 2016.

The screening tool used will be the Developmental Indicators for the Assessment of Learning (DIAL-IV). Testing will be administered individually by a team of teachers on a variety of tasks. The information is used only to assist us in developing the best program screenings for all District children will be held by appointment only on Tuesday, May 3 at the Carrabec Community School in North Anson.

Please call Heidi Atwood at Garret Schenck School 696-3100 for an appointment and/or any questions you may have. Screenings take approximately one (1) hour per child.

If you know of other children ready to start school please share this information. We are now taking applications for the Fall 2016 Head Start Pre-School Program. Please call Lori Dugas at 696-3753 for registration information.

Submitted: Heidi Atwood

Planning Committee

New Portland Comprehensive Plan Meeting for March 11, 2016

Present: Marilyn Gorman, Stacie Rundlett, Barry Turcotte, Bob Whitten, Jim Heichel and Judi Wills.

The committee met, March 7, 2016 to organize each chapter of the Comprehension Plan. The committee reviewed the updates, made any corrections that were needed and discussed the next steps.

New Portlander article submission deadline is April 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.

New Portland Comprehensive Plan's purpose is to bring the town up to date on how citizens view the needs of the town and what needs to be improved.

Every member on this committee has worked hard to complete the chapters assigned to them in the Comprehensive Plan. This group of people came together in May 2014 and have continued to meet once a month. It has taken research and reviewing old information to update this plan. A survey was sent to citizens for their input which would help give a direction for the plan to improve the town. The Comprehensive Plan is very important; it allows the town to apply for grants which may help improve and update areas that are needed or were important from the survey from the citizens. The plans and policies for the town are a result from the survey and the work of this committee.

We are hopeful at next meeting to review all chapters. Check the information in all documentation and set the plans and goals and who is responsible for these areas. The committee's work will continue to improve and update and will submit the plan to KVCOG.

Submitted: Judi Wills

New Portland Library

From the Librarian... Spring is upon us and many of us are busy getting ready. As you begin your spring cleaning and you find some long overdue library materials....please feel free to drop them in the 24 hour drop box located outside the library or let us know if it is lost so we can mark our records accordingly. There will be no charges or dirty looks – we just want them back. Replacement costs really add up!

We are collecting books about Maine and the general area to add to our collection. This can include books on history, family genealogies, environment, local publications, reminiscences, etc. If you are wondering what to do with some of those items, why not give them to the library so others can enjoy them. Does anyone have an interesting topic, item, or tidbit about the New Portlands they would like to share with others? It would be great to get some of the varied, interesting and wonderful histories of the area in writing. I would like to start a scrapbook of stories that we can all read!

Is there anything you would like to see the library offer that is not presently available? This could be a book, a DVD, a service, or even a change in hours open.

Are you itching to get gardening? We get a subscription to the "Maine Organic Farmer and Gardener" magazine for any of you who are trying to avoid pesticides and grow food organically. We also have several books on organic gardening.

Don't forget the wonderful photographs by Doug Archer will grace the walls of the library through the end of April, so don't miss your chance to stop by and take a look.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the community for supporting the library at town meeting. Each dollar counts, and we try our hardest to stretch every dollar. We look forward to seeing you at one of our many events! Thanks also to Mike Senecal for taking time out of his busy schedule to run a CPR course at the library. Fifteen people attended, and Mike graciously donated all proceeds to the library.

Knit Wits and Happy Hookers will meet at the library from 10:00 --11:30 am on April 14 and April 28. Everyone interested in knitting, crocheting or other types of hand work is very welcome. We have coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and water available. There will also be some goodies to eat while we work and chat. Looking forward to seeing everyone. Petrina "Pete" Bearor

From the Friends of the Library: Upcoming Events/ Fundraisers in April include the Tenth Anniversary Party, Children's Hour and Penny Fundraiser all taking place on April 9 (9:00 am – 12 noon), also be looking for more information around a "Haiku Bomb" event and also a potential Paint Night near the end of April! In May, we have the Ladies' Tea (May 15) and the Chinese Auction (May 28) at the Happy Horseshoe Campground. Please don't forget to drop off your new and gently-used items for us to use in this sale. No clothing or stuffed animals, please. There are many events being planned so please keep an eye on our Facebook page and/or look for signs at the post office and Tindalls. You can also stop by the library and ask for more information. One more exciting event....NPC Library is pleased to announce its Fourth Annual Poetry Contest for Carrabec Community School and Carrabec High School students, as well as local New Portland Home School students in grades six through twelve. First prize is \$25.00 cash and second prize is \$10.00 cash for each of the two divisions. Legible, original entries must be emailed or taken to the library by noon on April 16, 2016. Name, email or phone number contact information, and contest level designation (high school/ middle school) is required for entry. One entry (poem)

per contestant will be accepted. All styles are allowed. Entries will be read anonymously by the judges. All contestants will later receive an invitation to read or recite their poetry at a future gathering at the library. Submit entries to New Portland Community Library, 899 River Road, New Portland, Maine, 04961, or at newportlandcommunitylibrary@yahoo.com. Please direct questions to NPCL via email or by calling 628-6561. Leave a message, if no answer. Encourage those poets – who might not know it – to tap into their creative energy and enter the contest!

The 100 Club Member winners for March are as follows: Anonymous, Norm & Audrey Kelloch, New Portland Lions Club, JR Fabrication, Kenneth Atwood, Marsha Siviski There is still time to join! See a board member or call the library for more information (628-6561)

Submitted: Tabitha Emery

Community Churches

New Portland Community Church News for April: Spring has sprung! It's time to get outside and enjoy the warmer weather. Here at the church we will be working out our schedule for the year.

First, on the agenda is the Potluck and Annual Meeting to be held on Sunday, April 17 following the 11:00 am church service. Please join us for the potluck at noon time, even if you can't make it to the service. The Annual Meeting following (usually starting over dessert at about 12:30 pm) is an important one. As many of you know, we have been without a regular minister for about five years. Things are going well with a variety of ministers leading our Sunday services, we enjoy the different perspective each one brings to the pulpit. We have been searching, along with our partner church (Fairbanks Union Church in Farmington, to find just the right person. Lately, we have been feeling that we need to touch base with the community about what concerns they may have, and what direction in which they see the church moving. If you have ANY interest in the church and the future of the church, please join us for this meeting.

April is also the start of the Community Church Suppers. It is that time of year again! The first supper will be held on April 21 (all suppers will be on the third Thursday of the month). The menu for this supper has yet to be determined so watch for the posters in local businesses and the post office.

Time for a new spring outfit from the thrift store! And while you're there, the store is offering all winter items at ½ price! Time to stock up for next winter. You know it's coming, it will just take a while to get here! You can visit the thrift store on Saturday mornings from 9:00 am-Noon.

Ministers for the month of April will be: April 3 [Communion] – Rev Doug Walrath;

April 7 at 8:00 am – Breakfast at Tindall's; April 10 – Rev Stan Wheeler; April 17 – Rev Doug Walrath, *Potluck and Annual Meeting following the service*; April 24 – Rev Tony MacNaughton. Respectfully. . .

Submitted: Nan Berry

The Western Mountains Baptist Church had a wonderful turnout for their annual Sunrise Easter Service. People do not seem to mind the early, cold morning because the gathering outside of the church at the cross seems to get larger every year. And, as usual, the men did an exceptional job pulling together breakfast and lots of hot coffee for everyone. Spring can be an amazing time to see and think about new beginnings and to recall the many blessings we have all around us here in New Portland.

Upcoming for April, the Men's Breakfast will be held at the church, on Saturday, April 2 at 8:00 am. All men, young and old, are invited to come together to enjoy food, friendship and to discuss a Bible topic. This is an opportunity for the men who are not able to attend the weekly Monday night Bible studies to get together with other men to get or give encouragement to one another. Jean Boucher is the person to contact for more information. His telephone number is 265-2698.

Tuesday, April 12 the Women's Ministry will meet at the church for a pizza party. Women are invited to meet at the church at 6:00 pm to make (and eat) pizza and to do a short Bible study. Call Pat, at 265-4164, to get more details about this event or to learn more about the upcoming events that these ladies have planned.

Gems, a Christian club for girls ages 4 thru fourth grade, will meet after school on April 15. A typical Gems meeting may include learning the basics of the Bible, crafts, basic cooking or sewing, playing games, planning service projects for home and in the community, earning awards and just having fun! For more information email rbates@roadrunner.com or message Rosie Bates on Facebook.

As the days get warmer, you will find the Ladies Walking Group walking along Route 27 near the church. They meet Monday and Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm at the church for a 45-60 minute walk. Currently, they are walking inside using videos. Everyone is encouraged to walk at a pace that is comfortable for them. If you would like to have a walking partner, two or more, meet at the church to join in on a walk or call Crystal at 491-7433 for more information.

For more information about WMBC services, events and Bible studies please call 265-2557, email westernmountainbaptist@tds.net or find us on Facebook. We welcome all requests for prayer. To talk with the pastor, Tom DuBois is available at 557-3802.

"How precious is your unfailing love, O God! All humanity finds shelter in the shadow of your wings." Psalm 36:7
New Living Translation

Submitted: Crystal Fitch

Model Flying

Free Indoor Model Flying: All ages are welcome to fly your small, electric fixed wing, helicopter, quadcopter, glider or rubber band powered model every Tuesday 6:00 – 9:00 pm and every Wednesday 9:00 am–12:00 pm. These events are in the gymnasium of the Calvary Pentecostal Church at 160 Old Point Avenue, Madison. There is also an indoor fly at the Garret Schenck School gym in Anson on Friday, April 22 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm.

The events taking place at the Calvary location in Madison are year round. The Calvary events are seldom cancelled due to inclement weather and never on holidays!

We strongly suggest that always before leaving for any of our events that you log on to: www.rcflyer.org before leaving to confirm there has been no schedule changes.

At any of these events it is always free to watch; yes, there is 3-D (stunt) flying happening. There is also free model set-up if needed along with instruction as we know a crash is not fun!

The Franklin County Aircraft Modelers also have three outdoor flying fields open for warm weather flying with membership. For more information email: nightvapor1945@gmail.com

Submitted: Ron Sarner

Announcement

The Wesserunsett Arts Council, which is based in Skowhegan, has been busy creating what we are calling a "HAIKU BOMBING" to celebrate April, which is poetry month. We are inviting everyone and anyone to write a simple haiku of three or four or ten, and then to post them where they might be seen. The New Portland Library will be posting some, but let's think about all of the other places where they would be enjoyed, as well.

A haiku is a simple three (3) line poem that needs no rhyming. The first line has five (5) syllables, the second line has seven (7) syllables, and the third line has five (5) syllables.

Do not be afraid
Everyone can do haiku
Just give it a try

Dog whines at the door
It's not that cold out I say
Bleeding heart relents

Here's one from an eight year old:

I want you to know
Losing teeth can hurt a lot
Then the fairy comes.

Margaret Choate wrote-

L'il old lady smiles
Inside lives a tough old bird
We might fool them all!

You can sign them or initial them front or back or not. Many have been written out on index cards. They can be decorated or not. Some are using post its. The First Friday Art Walk in Kingfield on April 1 will be part of the "bombing". Aw. c'mon, please give it a try. It's very satisfying!

Submitted: Lolly Phoenix

Welcome

Spring



