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## TOWN OFFICE INFORMATION

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### Town Office Contact Information and Hours of Operation:

#### Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday ..... 9am - 5pm  
Thursday ..... 12pm - 6pm

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#### Fire Department: Chief Kip Poulin

Animal Control Officer: Dillon Wellman - 207-405-1134

## Remember...

### Selectmen's Meeting

1st Tuesday & 3rd Monday of each month ..... 6:30pm

### New Portland Fire Department Meeting

2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month ..... 6:30pm

### Library Board of Trustees Meeting

2nd Saturday of the month ..... 9am

### Planning Board Meeting

1st Wednesday of the month ..... 6:30pm

### New Portland Water District

2nd Wednesday of each month ..... 6:30pm

### School Board Meeting

1st Wednesday of each month ..... 6pm

### New Portland Community Library

Tuesday ..... 8am - 12pm

Thursday ..... 3pm - 6pm

Saturday ..... 8am - 12pm

### Kingfield-New Portland Transfer Station

Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday ..... 7:30am - 4:30pm

### New Portland Post Office Customer Service Hours

Monday - Friday ..... 7am - 9am, 2pm - 4pm

Saturday ..... 7am - 10:30am

## RSU 74 / School Board

The Meeting: The September school board meeting was held at the New Portland Fire Station. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustments to the Agenda: Several appointments were added to the agenda. One item, "To see if the RSU #74 Board of Directors will approve the 8th grade overnight trip to Boston on September 30th and October 1st" was removed from the agenda.

Minutes: The minutes of the August 9 board meeting and the August 16 special board meeting were approved.

Presentation: There was no presentation.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Campbell informed the board that he would like to hold a board workshop session to look at stipends.

Resignations: Jennie Mirlocca - Pre-K Teacher, Solon; Jerzee Rugh - K-5 Interventionist Teacher, CCS; Chad Tuscan - Head Maintenance - District

Nominations: Hannah McGlashing - Grade Six, CCS (one year position);

Michelle Tracy - Custodian; Lisa Foss - Special Ed, Ed Tech One, CCS

Appointments: Bonnie White - substitute calls, GS; Tanya MacFayden - substitute calls, Solon; Ann Holzworth - substitute calls, CHS; Jenah Leeman - substitute calls, CCS; Tammy Long - One Act Play Assistant, CHS; Chudala Holden - IEP Paperwork; Stacey Robinson - Chief Teacher Mentor; Hunter Durland - CCS boys and girls soccer; Nikki Shamaly - Transportation stipend; Candy Lebeau - Transportation stipend; Hal Larlee - IEP paperwork stipend; Amy Cates - IEP paperwork stipend; Jack Kaplan - Will Power; Jack Kaplan - Cobra Power; Judi Dunphy - Will Power volunteer; Craig Carusso - volunteer soccer assistant, CHS; Marc Collard - CHS math coach; Samantha Taylor - CHS drama coach

Admin Reports: 1.) Tara Morin thanked the board for hiring her. She described the CCS staff as being "awesome, amazing, and wonderful". She said the students were "great". A board member asked about 6-8 recess. Currently, students in grades 6-8 do not have recess. Mrs. Morin indicated the previous principal told her that middle school recess had gone very poorly in 2022-23 with numerous discipline issues. Mrs. Morin said she will survey the staff to see how they feel about recess in 2023-24. 2.) Jean Butler noted the increased number of students at GS and Solon. Part of the increase is attributed to the change in busing/attendance zones. There have also been a number

of students who have moved into RSU 74 territory. As of Wednesday night, there were 89 students at GS and 91 at Solon. 3.) Student board rep Kayliy Folco reported on the happenings at CHS. Jobs for Maine Graduates has given out \$8000 to students. JMG students are working towards their Maine Career Exploration Badge. Trunk or Treat will be held on October 16. There is a waiting list of students eager to take art classes and culinary arts class. The CHS band has quadrupled in size in one year. Mr. Mason is teaching six classes, and Mr. Collard's pre-calc classes are off and running. 4.) Peter Campbell praised Kayliy, saying that she is a three-sport athlete. She is a student in good standing with senior privileges, and she is easy to work with. Student numbers are up at CHS. 22 seniors graduated. They have been replaced by a senior class of 63. Things are going well to start the year at CHS. Teachers are working hard and helping to solve any early problems that have arisen.

Public Participation: Erik Carey asked why the agenda item pertaining to the Boston trip had been removed. Board chairman Troy Dunphy did not feel there was any need for the board to get involved. There was a long discussion about this topic.

Update of the Comprehensive Emergency Plan: The primary change was to remove the name of the previous CCS principal and add Tara Morin's name to the plan. Mrs. Morin stated, "I love my job!"

Maine Huts and Trails: The board approved the September 2021-22 trip.

Cooperative Cheering: The board approved a cooperative CHS/Madison football cheering squad.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 7:05 pm.

*Submitted: Dave Ela, Carrabec Teachers Association*

## Kingfield Seniors Group

Come join us for potluck and fellowship at 12:00 pm on Monday, October 2 at the Western Mountains Baptist Church (located on Rte 27 New Portland). The Franklin County Sheriff's office has graciously accepted our invitation to speak regarding scams. The presentation is scheduled for 1:00 - 1:30 pm. Please join us and learn how you can prevent yourselves from being a victim. Please contact Jo-Bessey Holmes at 207 779-7200 for more information.

*Submitted: Nanci Mahlmann*

## New Portland Community Library

We have been busy Thank you to everyone who stopped at our booth at the New Portland Fair! Good treats, good books, and a great raffle!!

We are having a library sale on October 7 at 9:00 am – 1:00 pm; we will be selling baked goods.(Betty was just in and said she would be bringing her bread - yum!), dvds, puzzles, cds, and of course raffle tickets! This is a great raffle to be drawn at our holiday craft sale on December 2. Prizes include a yeti traveler cooler with camp chair (Franklin Savings Bank), G0-Sun solar cooler freezer (Positively Plants), \$100 gift certificate (Hammond Lumber) and \$50 gift certificate (Mainely Provisions). Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

On October 8, we will be having a FUNdraiser at the Wire Bridge (toll bridge).

On October 11 we will be hosting a class "Understanding the Internet" at 4:00 pm at the library. The internet has become such a large part of our daily lives that having a basic understanding of its origins is essential. This course introduces the origins of the internet, how it works and what you can do on the internet. And finally, thank you to all for your contributions to our penny jar which is to be used for Maine books) an the bottle redemption in Kingfield. We couldn't do this without you!!

Upcoming craft tables are available for our holiday craft fair on December 2. Please contact the library or a board member if you wish to reserve a table.

*Submitted: Shelia Atwood*

## Cemetery Association

Hello. This is just a reminder all flowers in the East New Portland Cemetery need to

be removed by October 15, 2023 to get ready for the dreaded winter season that

will soon be upon us. All flowers that are left on the lots after October 15 will be disposed of by the Cemetery Association.

We know that some folks place fall arrangements and Christmas wreaths on the

lots after October; those will need to be removed by May 15. We have to have all

wreaths etc. removed before the first mowing.

Veterans' flags will stay on until after Veterans Day, so please do not remove the

flags. The Veterans flags will be removed by the Association after Veterans Day.

Thank you for your cooperation; it is very much appreciated.

*Submitted: Leisa Emery – Burns, Secretary/Treasurer,  
East New Portland Cemetery Association*

**NEW PORTLANDER article submission deadline is October 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: alderswamp2@gmail.com**

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 Churches

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**New Portland Church News:** September seemed to zip by very quickly! The church has a few things in the works for October but hasn't had the chance to finalize dates yet. We are planning to have a harvest supper in the meeting house so please watch for the posters for the time and date. We recently had our annual Pierce Pond outing and are looking forward to scheduling a Gilman Pond picnic for sometime in October.

The committee searching for a new minister for Fairbanks and New Portland continues to look at options and hope for matches in the minister search 'system'. Slow work, but it is progressing. As they say... watch this space.

We do have a SuperSunday coming up on October 29. This is a special Sunday service that we hold whenever there are five Sundays in a month. This happens four times a year on average, and we join Fairbanks Union church for a joint service of hymns, scripture readings, stories and a few jokes. It's a fun service of congregation participation. The service on October 29 will be held at 10:00 am at the New Portland Church. It will be followed by coffee hour in the Pease Meeting House. Please join us for this especially fun service!

If you are joining us for worship our ministers for the month of October are October 1, Communion Sunday – Rev. Stan Wheeler; October 8 - Phyllis Blackstone; October 15 - Deborah Bujnocki; October 22 – Pastor MaryEllen Royce; October 29, 10:00 am – Joint SuperSunday Service.

Please note that on October 29 our Sunday service will be

at 10:00 am. On all other Sundays in October, please join us for coffee hour at 10:30 am with worship following at 1:00 am. At some point, weather dependent, we will be moving from the big sanctuary to the Joyce Pease Meeting House attached to the church. As long as the weather is warm, we will meet in the big church. Respectfully...

*Submitted: Nan Berry*

**Western Mpountains Baptist Church:** Another summer has passed, and we at Western Mountains Baptist Church made sure that we left on a "High Note". On August 27, we all gathered at the Sawtell's home on Gilman Pond Road for Pot Luck and some kayaking. It was a wonderful day and we had a really nice turnout!

We also were blessed to minister to 70 people through our Bridging the Gap program. Don't forget this is a free program which runs through the church. Please contact Pastor Tom for more information at 207 265 2557.

Now that the kiddos are back in school, some of you parents might be interested in having them attend our Youth Group. They meet on Sunday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 pm (grades 8-12). We are also having a family game night On October 13 at 6:30 pm.

Also, not to be missed!!! We are having a Drive-In Movie night on October 6 at 7:00 pm. It will be a family friendly movie and popcorn will be served. Hope y'all can make it.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Pastor Tom or go to our website, [www](http://www). So come join us!!!

*Submitted: Nanci Mahlmann*





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| NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR<br>OCTOBER 2023<br>DOUG KEHR PHOTO |                                                            |                                                                   |                                                              |                                                           |                           |                                           |
| SUNDAY                                                     | 1<br>WMBC Service 10:00 am<br>NPCL Service 10:30 am        | 2<br>Kingfield Seniors Pot Luck Noon WMBC<br>Presentation 1:00 pm | 3<br>NPCL 8:00 am - noon<br>Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm      | 4<br>School Board Embed 6:00 pm<br>Planning Board 6:00 pm | 5<br>NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm  | 6<br>FRIDAY                               |
| MONDAY                                                     | 8<br>WMBC Service 10:00 am<br>NPCL Service 10:30 am        | 9<br>Town Office Closed<br>Indigenous Peoples Day                 | 10<br>NPCL 8:00 am - noon<br>Fire Department Meeting 6:30 pm | 11<br>Water District Community Room<br>6:30 pm            | 12<br>NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm | 13<br>SATURDAY                            |
| TUESDAY                                                    | 15<br>WMBC Service 10:00 am<br>NPCL Service 10:30 am       | 16<br>Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm                                 | 17<br>NPCL 8:00 am - noon                                    | 18<br>FRIDAY                                              | 19<br>NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm | 20<br>Deadline for New Portlander 4:00 pm |
| WEDNESDAY                                                  | 22<br>WMBC Service 10:00 am<br>NPCL Service 10:30 am       | 23<br>NPCL 8:00 am - noon<br>Fire Department Meeting 6:30 pm      | 24<br>NPCL 8:00 am - noon                                    | 25<br>FRIDAY                                              | 26<br>NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm | 27<br>SATURDAY                            |
| THURSDAY                                                   | 29<br>WMBC Service 10:00 am<br>NPCL Super Service 10:00 am | 30<br>FRIDAY                                                      | 31<br>NPCL 8:00 am - noon<br>Halloween                       |                                                           |                           |                                           |