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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 NPCL OPEN 9:00-12:00pm
2 WMBC SERVICE 10am NPCC SERVICE 10:30am ICE CREAM SOCIAL 1-3pm	3 KINGFIELD SENIORS GROUP - WMBC 12:00pm	4 NPCL OPEN 9:00-12:00pm SELECTMAN'S MEETING 6:30pm	5 NPCL OPEN 3:00-6:00pm SCHOOL BOARD 6:00 CCS PLANNING BOARD 6:30pm	6 NPCL OPEN 3:00-6:00pm	7 NPCL OPEN 9:00-12:00pm	8 NPCL OPEN 9:00-12:00 Community Lunch 11:30 - 2:00 pm
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TOWN OFFICE INFORMATION

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Town Office Contact Information and Hours of Operation:

Office Hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10 am - 5 pm
Thursday 12 pm - 6 pm

Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett
Email: newportlandtownmanager@gmail.com

Deputy Town Manager: Lori Alyea
Email: townofnewportland@gmail.com

Code Enforcement Officer: Jeff Drew - 207-453-4258 ext 0

Town Clerk: Jacob Pinkham | Deputy Town Clerk: Lori Alyea
Email: newportlandtownclerk@gmail.com
Office Hours: By Appointment

LPI: Dan Gilbert - 207-938-3866

Assessor's Agent: Audra Swanson
Wednesday 10am - 2pm
Email: newportlandassessor@gmail.com

Fire Department: Chief Kip Poulin

Animal Control Officer: Stacie Rundlett - 207-491-8007

On August 8, 2026
the selectmen and the town office staff of


invite you to a

FREE COMMUNITY LUNCHEON!



Join us for
burgers, hot dogs,
dessert and more.



The event starts at
11:30 am to 2:00 pm



at the
fire station
parking lot.

Rain or shine, if rain we will eat inside.

Lets Celebrate!!!
America turned 250 years old.

On August 8, 2026 the selectmen and the town office staff invite you to a free community luncheon. Join us for burgers, hot dogs, dessert and more. The event starts at 11:30 am to 2:00 pm, at the fire station parking lot. Rain or shine, if rain we will eat inside.

We will also be celebrating our great fire department at 1:00 pm. All firefighters will receive a certificate; all members over 20 years of service will receive a plaque for their outstanding commitment to our town. Help us show support for these courageous individuals. Please bring your own lawn chair and let's hope for a warm, sunny day.

The selectmen and Stacie applied for a grant to get two bicycle racks for town. We are happy to announce that we won this grant and have received two bicycle racks. One will be placed at the playground area by the fire station. The other rack will be placed down by the picnic area by the Wire Bridge.

Please enjoy the last couple months of warmer weather; winter will be here before we know it. Be extra careful on roads during the United Bikers of Maine's return to the Lions Club fairgrounds on August 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 of this month. This event brings a lot of motorcycles to the area. Always give road crews a "brake" and go slow when you see them out working on the roads. If you have a road issue, please call the town office and we will address it. Thank you for reading our article.

Submitted:
Dave Veilleux, Ray Poulin, Janet White – Selectmen

Remember. . .

- Selectman's Meeting
1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month 6:30 pm
- New Portland Fire Department Meeting
2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month 6:30 pm
- Library Board of Trustees Meeting
2nd Thursday of each Month 6:00 pm
- Planning Board Meeting
1st Wednesday of the Month 6:30 pm
- New Portland Water District Meeting
2nd Wednesday of each Month 6:30 pm
- New Portland Community Library Hours:
Tuesday, Friday & Saturday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Wednesday & Thursday 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- Kingfield - New Portland Transfer Station
Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm
- New Portland Post Office Customer Service Hours
Monday - Friday 7 am - 9 am & 2 pm - 4 pm
Saturday 7: 00 am - 10:30 am

Selectmen

Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes for June 16, 2026

Roster/ Selectmen: Raymond Poulin, Janet White, David Veilleux (absent), Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett, Lori Alyea, Kristen Donahue-Frey, James Reinhard

- 1. Raymond called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
- 2. The board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Janet motioned to accept the minutes as written, Raymond seconded and all were in favor.
- 3. Department Heads: Raymond shared that the grader is getting work done to it at Glenn’s Garage in New Portland. He stated he was waiting to hear back from the dealership on the new town truck as it went in for service because it was making an unusual noise. He will update more when he hears back from the dealership.
- 4. Items by the Town Manager: a.) The board reviewed and signed the payroll and A/P warrants. b.) The board reviewed the ad for Winter Sand Bidding for 2026-2027 season and approved it. Stacie would get this ad out in the normal manner for advertisement. c.) Stacie shared some information about a recent application she and Janet put in for a bicycle rack grant, which was awarded to New Portland. Stacie would clarify about any payment, shipping, etc. before she finalizes the grant.
- 5. Items by the Board of Selectmen: Janet discussed the community cookout scheduled for Saturday, August 8 as a celebration of the 250th birthday for the USA. She also stated that the board wants to recognize the volunteer fire fighters

by issuing plaques to those members who have been on our department for 20 or more years and certificates to all of the other members for their willingness to volunteer in our community and assist those in need of emergency assistance. The board will also be recognizing Jethro “Kip” Poulin for being the fire chief for 30 years.

6. Items by the Public: 1.) Kristen Donahue-Frey introduced herself, and she has been a resident for roughly seven years. She shared with the board a very upsetting visit she recently had at the Kingfield/New Portland Transfer Station. After a thorough discussion on this matter with the board, Janet apologized for this situation taking place and stated that there was a KNTS meeting coming up on the 25th, and she invited Kristen to attend if she was able, but also assured her that even if she couldn’t attend the New Portland board members would address this issue directly with the KNTS Board. 2.) James Reinhard brought before the board his concerns on the summer roads grading that has been done this year. He suggested that the board put out an ad for a more qualified grader operator. There was a discussion regarding someone who has stated that they could grade for us this year, but there was some confusion regarding this person’s availability. Janet stated she would call this person directly to confirm if he would still be able to grade the roads for us this year or not. No decisions were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm.
These minutes were approved by the Board at the July 7 meeting.

Submitted: Smr

Kingfield Seniors Group

Our meeting on July 6 was awesome! Tim White, Paul and Alice Thompson (Thompson Tunes) and Company entertained us with guitars, banjos and a number of songs. Some of their songs were specific to Mainers and some just plain fun sing-alongs.

Our next meeting/potluck is scheduled for **Monday August 3.**
As always, it will be held at the Western Mountains Baptist Church at noon.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me
Nanci Lehto-Mahlmann at 207 628 4461.

Submitted:
Nanci Lehto Mahlmann

NEW PORTLANDER article submission deadline is September 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 • 628-4201 • email: alderswamp2@gmail.com
If there are any questions or needs regarding the receiving of the *New Portlander*, those inquires should be directed to the Town Manager.

New Portland Churches

NPCC: New Portland Church News – The summer is half over, but we’re pretty sure we haven’t gotten half of our summer workload finished. We just have to keep working away at it until everything is covered with snow, and we can forget about it for a few months. No worries, snow is months away.

July has been a busy month! Our community BBQ on July 12 went very well. We give a huge shout out to everyone who stopped by to have some lunch, enjoy conversation with their neighbors, and look at our beautiful church building. Another huge shout out to everyone who brought salads, pies and baked goods, watermelon and various meats. The food was delicious and plentiful. No one went away hungry!

We have another event planned for August 2. Last year we held a very successful Ice Cream Social in September; this year we thought we’d move it to the middle of summer proper. Again, this event is free to the community. Come join us from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm on Sunday, August 2. Enjoy ice cream and all the fixing, and the company of your friends and neighbors.

In July we hosted the Flemington Presbyterian Church work group from Flemington, NJ. They arrived July 18 and worked for a week in and around the community. It was a good sized group of young people and adults visiting for their 47th year! We hope that members of the community had successful interactions with the kids while they were here. We are grateful for their help in the community, and they learn so much being here. It’s an excellent program. Flemington hosted a BBQ for the congregation on July 19 after church. We have certainly been well fed this month.

Our second work group of the summer is from Grace Church in Boston. Please welcome them if you see them around town. They will be arriving on August 6 and staying at the church until August 12. Their very excellent and dynamic minister, Abby Heinrich, will be covering the pulpit on August 9. We welcome her and the entire work group to our community.

We are pleased to announce the winner of our Bottle Drive Scholarship is Colton Scheve! This is a \$500 scholarship presented to a local high school graduate to help with ongoing education, either trade school or college. We wish him the very best as he prepares for his next educational adventure!

And just so everyone knows: Although we have no official minister at the New Portland Church we do have a rotation of excellent ministers who are on-call throughout the month to do hospital visits and cover any spiritual emergencies that might arise in our community. If you are in need of help, please call Nan at 628-6061. As Clerk of Session for the church she can connect you with the minister who is on call that week.

As always, we would love to see you at coffee hour at 10:30 am with worship following at 11:00 am unless otherwise noted in the schedule. If you have any questions about whether a worship service or any other scheduled event will be canceled, please call Nan at 628-6061.

The list of ministers for the month of August: August 2 - Pastor MaryEllen Royce; August 9 - Communion Sunday, Rev. Abby Heinrich; August 16 - Pastor Debby Bujnocki; August 23 - Phyllis Blackstone, Storyteller; August 31 – TBA. Respectfully ...

Submitted: Nan Berry

WMBC

Oh, what a wonderful time we had at the Kingfield Festival Days. Our church, Western Mountains Baptist Church, gave out free popcorn and free sno-cones to everyone who came by. We had also set up a bounce house for the little ones and had our prayer team set up for anyone who wanted or needed prayer. This event is always special to us. We love to meet our neighbors and introduce ourselves to them. Our church family is a lot of fun and truly growing! Please feel free to come visit us Sunday morning for Bible study at 9:00 am or church services at 10:00 am.

You can also visit our website wmbcmaine.org. We are also on Facebook and have a YouTube channel.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us 207 265-2557.

Submitted: Nanci Lehto Mahlmann

Announcement

FREE ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Please join us under the maple tree for some delicious free ice cream complete with all the right toppings!

Sunday, August 2 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm
at the New Portland Community Church.

See you all there.

Submitted: George Arab

Superintendent of Schools

July 18, 2026

Dear Residents of New Portland,

The new school year is approaching rapidly. While the school board remains relatively quiet, the administrative team and maintenance staff are putting final touches on projects to get the school system ready for the new school year.

The maintenance department members are completing the summer cleanings of all buildings. This year many of the classrooms are getting a fresh coat of paint. Ceiling tiles are being replaced in Solon Elementary and Garret Schenck. The teaching staff at Garret Schenck are working to develop an outdoor learning center on campus, and the maintenance staff are helping where they can, including moving the current playground to where the old tennis courts are. The courts built prior to the turn of the century had not been maintained and honestly were an eyesore.

The administration members are still conducting interviews to fill vacancies throughout the district. Currently we are interviewing for high school English, high school physical education/health, K-8 physical education/health, K-12 special education teacher, education technicians for special education, maintenance district wide, substitute teachers, ed-techs, cooks, bus drivers, custodians.

If you know of someone or you are interested in any of these positions, applications are available at the Office of the uperintendent.

The first regular monthly meeting of the RSU 74 Board of Directors will be on Wednesday, August 5 at 6 pm in the CCS Library. Respectfully...

Submitted: Mark L. Campbell, Superintendent of Schools

School Board

There was a special board meeting on July 7. Diane Starr joined the board representing Solon.

Here are the actions taken:

- 1.) Solon/GS Principal: The board voted to hire Amy McDaniel.
- 2.) Nominations (both approved): Heidi Day - CCS fifth grade; Carlos Pena - CHS custodian; Autumn Holzworth - title one ed tech 3, GS
- 3.) Board members signed the town assessment for 2026-2027.
- 4.) The board approved Chris Roux as director of facilities/maintenance. The director of operations position will now be broken into two stipend positions. In addition to the Director of Facilities/Maintenance position, there will also be a Director of Transportation position. The transportation position has been posted.

The meeting ended at 7:08 pm.

The next school board meeting will be held on August 5 at Carrabec Community School.

Submitted: David Ela, President of Carrabec Educational Association

RSU #74

PreK - 9
Wednesday August 26th

All Students
Thursday August 27th



MSAD #58

PreK - 9
Thursday August 27th

All Students
Friday August 28th

New Portland Community Library

Happy Summer, New Portland!
So much is happening at the NPCL now and in the near future!

Story Walk Trail

Take a trip out to the Whitten Woods by the Wire Bridge and enjoy our Story Walk Trail, featuring the book, “How to Say Hello to a Worm”.
Never fear! The Somerset Woods Trustees recently treated for poison ivy along the Story Walk trail.
Get moving, enjoy the fresh air and read outside!

Take a peek at our NEW WEBSITE! new-portland.lib.me.us
A huge thank you to our VP, Oceanna, for her many hours spent creating this website for all of us.

Calendar Raffle DONATIONS are being sought and collected for our biggest FUNdraising event of the year!
Please consider donating products, services, gift certificates, or cash. Your generosity helped us raise nearly \$4,000 last year!
Tickets go on sale in September, and winners are drawn each day in November.

Are you going on an outdoor wilderness adventure with the kids? Stop in and check out an adventure backpack.
They're full of gadgets and information to help the littles connect with and enjoy the great outdoors!

Looking for a way to give back to the community? Look no further!
We are seeking a tech-savvy volunteerto facilitate computer skills classes. Training is provided.

Homeschool parents, the school year is fast approaching. We have several homeschool resources to help you supplement or fulfill your child’s curriculum needs—all free to you and your family.

We need your help!! Looking for eager individuals with great ideas to share.
We are in the beginning stages of forming a fundraising committee and would love to meet with you!
Want to build a new New Portland tradition? It's never too early to start thinking about and planning for our newest fundraiser.
Hunters’ Breakfast. Saturday, November 14, 5:00 – 10:00 am in the New Portland Community Room.
Consider volunteering at our newest fundraiser! We have much to do and many hands make light work.
Oh, you don’t need to be a hunter to come out and enjoy breakfast. Gatherers are welcome, too!

SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, August 22 11 :00 am – 3:00 pm | UBM (United Bikers of Maine) Event

Friday, September 11 and 28 10:00 am – 11:00 am | Homeschool Hangout resumes

Sunday, September 13 3:00 pm | Book Club. Discussing “Fairy Tale” by Stephen King
4:00 pm | Adult Summer Reading Challenge wrap-up

Saturday & Sunday, September 19–20 New Portland Fair Toll and Booth

Saturday, October 17 9:00 am – 2:00 pm | Craft Fair | Now is the time to reserve your spot & start showcasing your crafts!

Saturday, October 24 12:00 – 2:00 pm | Frankenstuffy. Kids of all ages welcome!

Saturday, November 14 5:00 –10 am | Hunters’ Breakfast Fundraiser in the New Portland Community Room

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Submitted: Mindy Newman, Library Director