

# TOWN OF NEW CASTLE

## New Hampshire

OFFICE OF THE SELECT BOARD

### ISLAND ITEMS

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#### TIME TO VOTE

The State Primary Election will be held on September 9

Important dates:

September 2 - 7:00-7:30pm Supervisors of Checklist office hours: Register to vote, change party affiliation, etc.)

September 8 - Last Day that town clerk may accept an absentee ballot in person

September 9 - 9:00am – 7:00pm voting at Town Recreation Center

VOTER PHOTO ID LAWS ARE IN EFFECT. Basics: Bring a photo ID. Voters without photo ID will have to fill out a voter affidavit or have their identity verified by an election official in order to obtain a ballot. For details regarding documentation see <http://sos.nh.gov/> under Elections for details or talk to the Town Clerk.

#### ABSENTEE BALLOTS - basics

Must be a resident and registered voter of New Castle – form includes affidavit attesting to voter's reason for an absentee ballot and residency.

Absentee Ballot Request Form: available on line at <http://sos.nh.gov/> or in the town clerk's office.

Absentee ballots will be mailed to or may be given to voter by Town Clerk at Town Hall. Ballots may not be given to anyone other than the voter.

Completed ballots may be mailed or brought to the office by the voter.

The state will send the town clerk the absentee ballots about a month before the election.

#### VOTER REGISTRATION - basics

You may register to vote at the Town Clerk's office during regular office hours, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - Noon.

**You may register to vote on the day of election at the polls** or with the Supervisors of the Checklist on September 2 between 7 and 7:30 p.m.

You must declare a party affiliation in order to vote in the NH State Primary Election.

You may change this designation before voting and change it again after voting.

See <http://sos.nh.gov/> under ELECTIONS for more details.

Bring proof of residency.

If you have any questions about registering to vote or applying for an absentee ballot, phone the Town Clerk's office at 431-6710 ext. 11.

Remember to vote.

Priscilla Hodgkins  
Town Clerk

## ***GREEN WASTE DAY***

The green waste dumpster will be available to island residents one ***Saturday*** each month during the 2014 growing season. The dumpster is located at the Common next to the library and green waste volunteers will be on duty from 8 AM to 11AM. No after hours dumping is permitted. Because plastic bags are not biodegradable, these must be emptied and reclaimed. Using disposable paper bagging keeps clothes clean and dispositions cheerful.

***Please mark these dates.....***

**SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>  
OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup>  
NOVEMBER 22<sup>rd</sup>**



## **PARKING ON MAIN STREET**

"Please be advised that the single parking space on Main Street in front of the Post Office is for short-term parking only. The Town would appreciate it if you limit your parking in that space to 15 minutes or less, except on Sundays and during events."



## **OVER GROWTH**

The Select Board asks that all property owners who abut town roads/streets to make sure that no green vegetation (plants, bushes, trees) is obstructing the roads and creating a safety issue for walkers and/or vehicles. The Public Works crew will be coming around in the next month or so to assess any overgrowth for pruning. Please help us by trimming back your greens.



## USCG – NOTES FROM THE COAST

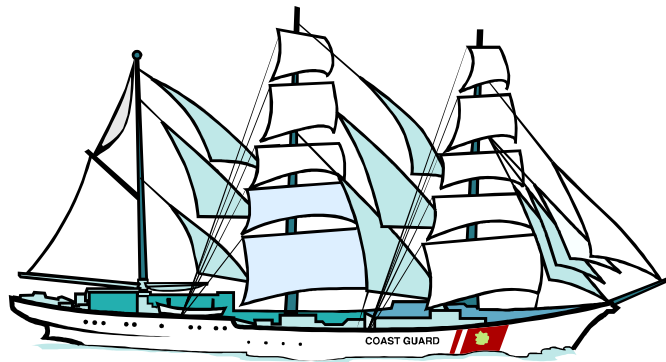
Well the busy boating season got off to a slow start, but summer is in full swing here at the Coast Guard Station. The months of April through October are traditionally more busy for us, as the calls for assistance typically rise. We're certainly glad summer is here as this winter was pretty brutal... I'm sure you can all agree. Even though the weather wasn't so great, we stayed pretty busy. In the course of three months- January through March- we safely brought 12 propane ships from offshore to the plant in Newington. This accounts for the majority of the home heating propane entering Northern New England.

Throughout the summer we step-up our law enforcement presence with the recreational boating traffic, but it's not about going out and writing tickets. It's about boater education. Our primary goal is to teach and prevent accidents, so we want to make sure that all the mariners that hit the water for the summer are safe, have all their required safety gear, and operate their vessels safely. If anyone has any questions about what they need, or if you want to talk about a recent boarding or any of our safety initiatives, please give me a call in the office at 436-4415. I'd be more than happy to talk to you, or set up a voluntary boat examination to make sure you have everything you need.

For the third year in a row, we'll be taking part in the UNH "Get to Know The Coast" Day in September. We'll have an open house where you can even tour our three rescue boats. I hope to see many of our neighbors come for a tour!

Have a safe summer.

Chief Dave Andreesen  
Officer in Charge  
US Coast Guard Station Portsmouth Harbor



## HISTORIC SOCIETY – UPCOMING EVENTS

August 19 @ 7pm – History of the New Castle Fire Department

Sept. 16. @ 7pm – “Murders on Smuttynose”, book signing with author J. Dennis Robinson

Sept. 28 – Walbach Tower 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Pot luck picnic at the UNH ocean side pavilion. Times TBA.

TBA – growing up in New Castle. Memories from local residents. Watch for date and time.

## 2015 WATER AND SEWER RATES

Water and Sewer rates for the current fiscal year are as follows:

Water: \$2.94 per unit – no change from last year.

Sewer: \$11.19 per unit - \$.19 reduction from last year due to increased revenue from the hotel.

NOTE: 1 unit equals 748 gallons or 100 cubic feet.

## New Castle Public Library

**Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.** ~ P.J. O'Rourke

Over the past few months the library has received several monetary donations from patrons and the community. We are so grateful for these contributions, which allow us to enhance our materials collection and programming. A generous donation in honor of Dr. George Cushing sponsored our kick-off event for our summer reading program – a visit from the Center for Wildlife with their program Nocturnal Animals. Donations made in memory of long-time library supporter Judy Udaloy enabled us to increase our movie and audio CD collection (see below for exciting new titles). In July a gift from a patron allowed us to purchase four Great Courses in audio CD (see below). The Smyser Trust funded *all* of our children's book discussion groups. A community member fully funded our new, beautiful Hours sign by our front door. And ... local youth Colby King donated one of his award-winning photographs to the library, which is hanging by our new book wall. Many thanks to all our generous contributors!

Our 2014 summer reading program – ***Hooo Will Read the Night Away???*** – began on June 25<sup>th</sup> with a visit from the Center for Wildlife from Cape Neddick, Maine. We learned about nocturnal animals and saw two live owls, a bat, and an opossum. Weekly programming included a visit from Jada – a R.E.A.D. certified dog, Art Day, the NHSPCA with kittens and an African Pygmy Hedgehog, and Perler Bead & Craft Day. Each Wednesday afternoon the library was buzzing with the activity of 36 to 70 children and their parents. Children created owl mobiles, felt bead caterpillars, bracelets, fleece blankets to donate to the NHSPCA, star and moon canvas door hangings, duct tape wallets and purses, butterfly origami,

pompom monsters and Perler Bead treasures. And, most importantly, our New Castle children and grandchildren read a lot of books!

**“Drop in for a Stitch” Knitting Group** continues to meet on Tuesdays at 3pm. Please join us to knit, crochet or needlepoint. No need to sign up, come when you can.

**The Library Book Group meets the first Wednesday of each month** and is delighted to welcome new members. Each year the group reads a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction. If you are interested, please stop by the library for a book list for 2014.

**New Materials at the Library –**  
**DVDs:** August: Osage County, Philomena, The Monuments Men, Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruits, Grand Budapest Hotel, Gambit, Secret Life of Walter Mitty, Still Mine, Bad Words, Longmire season 2, Covert Affairs seasons 4 & 5, House of Cards season 2, Cedar Cove season 1, ...

**Family Movie Night:** The Nut Job

**New Books:** *Felt Christmas Decorations* by Corrine LaPierre, *Blossom Street Brides* by Debbie Macomber, *Flash Boys* by Michael Lewis, *Thrive* by Arianna Huffington, *Astonish Me* by Maggie Shipstead, *The Other Story* by Tatiana de Rosnay, *Natchez Burning* by Greg Isles, *Son* by Jo Nesbo, *A Well-Tempered Heart* by Jann Philipp-Sendker, *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr, *Delicious* by Ruth Reichl, *Matchmaker* by Elin Hilderbrand, *Vacationers* by Emma Straub, *One Plus One* by JoJo Moyes, *Big Little Lies* by Liane Moriarty, *Think Like a Freak* by Steven Levitt, ...

**New Audio Books on cd:** *Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown, *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd, *The Husband's Secret* by Liane Moriarty, *Where'd You Go Bernadette* by Maria Semple, *The Forgotten Garden* by Kate Morton, *Distant Hours* by

Kate Morton, *The Secret Keeper* by Kate Morton, *The Spectator Bird* by Wallace Stegner, *David and Goliath* by Malcolm Gladwell, *The Art of Public Speaking: Lessons From the Greatest Speeches in History* (Great Courses), *Practicing Mindfulness: An Introduction to Meditation* (Great Courses), *The Science of Natural Healing* (Great Courses), *The World Was Never the Same: Events That Changed History* (Great Courses), ...

**Audio Books for Families:** *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis, *Theodore Boone: The Accused* by John Grisham, *Theodore Boone: The Activist* by John Grisham, *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo, *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White, *Trumpet of the Swan* by E.B. White, *The Extraordinary Education of Nicholas Benedict* by Trenton Lee Stewart, *Peter and the Sword of Mercy* by Dave Barry, *Peter and the Shadow Thieves* by Dave Barry, *Peter and the Secret of Rundoon* by Dave Barry, ...

**Library Hours:**  
Tuesdays at 3pm  
Thursday 9–3  
Friday 12–5  
Saturday 9–12

**Story Times:**  
Thursdays at 9:30am  
& Saturdays at 10am

**Adult Library Book Group:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Wed. each month at 3pm  
Wednesday 12–5

**Drop in for a Stitch Knitting Group:**  
Tuesday 12-5

Happy Reading!  
Christine Collins, Library Director



# **NEW CASTLE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**INVITES  
OUR RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES TO ATTEND**

## **NCFD 2014**

August 26, 2014 from 7:00 pm until approx. 8:30 pm  
New Castle Public Safety Building

**WE WILL PRESENT A REVIEW OF OUR  
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS AND INNOVATIONS  
AS WE DEFINE OUR FUTURE CAPABILITIES**

This presentation will be repeated in the future as it is  
limited to 24 people on a first register, first serve basis.  
This presentation is for residents and local businesses alike.

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