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**Town Clerk's Office:**

The Town Clerk's office in New Castle can help residents with vehicle registrations, vital records, and election information.

We're happy to report that effective 7/3/2023 you will only need to provide one check rather than two for motor vehicle transactions. We hope to have a credit card option available soon.

If you have a vehicle renewal coming up, please consider using the E-REG online option. That tab can be found on the main page of the town website, [www.newcastlenh.org](http://www.newcastlenh.org). Please feel free to call us at 603-431-6710, ext. 2 if you have questions. Our office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

**Register**

Looking forward to seeing you,

*Lisa English*

*Jennifer Rumph*

*BJ Riordan*

**Registering a Vehicle in New Castle**

**For every transaction:** bring your driver's license.

*Please feel free to call us before you visit our office, as there are always slight differences in requirements depending on individual situations. The information listed below is not meant to be an exhaustive list of requirements.*

## **New (or new to you) vehicles:**

### **What to bring:**

1. Driver's license (if you are a full-time New Castle resident, this must be a NH license).
2. We will ask for a current phone number.
3. One check (payable to the "Town of New Castle"). Cash is accepted but the exact amount is preferred (we can do cost estimates for you in advance).
4. If purchased from a NH dealer, the blue, Town Clerk Copy of the CTA (Certificate of Title Application), from the dealer (please make sure the dealer has filled out the GVW-gross vehicle weight\* and odometer fields).

#### **\*\* Only individuals listed on the blue CTA may register the vehicle\*\***

5. Your purchase and sales agreement.
6. Lienholder information if applicable.
7. MSRP (manufacturer's suggested retail price). This can be found on the sticker on the vehicle's window at purchase or listed on the bill of sale.
8. If you did not purchase the vehicle from a NH dealer, or if the vehicle was purchased in a private sale, please provide the Title or Certificate of Origin. A copy of the bill of sale (signed by both parties), the original title signed on the back by both seller and buyer, along with the current odometer reading are also required.

#### **\*\* Only individuals assigned on the title may register the vehicle\*\***

9. **In some cases, proof of residency may be required.**

\*The GVW and MSRP are used in the calculation to determine registration fees.

**Will you be transferring plates from your old vehicle to the new one?** If so, we will need your original, current vehicle registration.

**What type of plate do you want?** Please tell us what type of plate you would like before we begin your registration. For example: regular passenger, vanity (form required), Conservation (Moose plate), State Park, etc. For more information on plate types, please visit the NH DMV website at; [www.dmv.nh.gov](http://www.dmv.nh.gov).

**Will you be putting this vehicle in a trust?** If so, we will need a copy of the first (name of trust and trustees) and last (signature page) pages of the trust. For vehicles from a dealer, the CTA must be in the name of the trust. For private sales, be sure the title is signed on the back by seller and buyer (trustees). Only names specified as trustees will be able to sign the title application and registration of the new vehicle.

## **Regarding placing your vehicle in a Trust at other times:**

**Note:** The best time to change ownership of your vehicle from an individual to a trust is when your vehicle is due for renewal (one transaction vs. two). Below is a list of items that can help expedite this process.

1. Please make an appointment by calling our office at 603-431-6710 ext. 2. Transferring to a trust can be time consuming and we want to give you our undivided attention.
2. Provide a copy of the first (name of trust and trustees) and last (signature page) pages of the trust. We will need one for each vehicle each time you move a vehicle into a trust.  
**Note:** We cannot create copies of your trust for vehicles that may be purchased in the future. We will need a new copy for those transactions at the time you register a vehicle.
3. The original title must be signed on the back by seller and buyer (trustees). **Note:** Names specified as trustees must be present to sign the title application and registration.
4. Must provide driver's license and phone number.
5. Please see payment options above (under Registering a vehicle in New Castle).

## Tax Collector's Office:

On May 9, 2023, I was elected to the office of Tax Collector. As some will recall, I had this job for about 14 years while I was also the Town Clerk.

It's good to be back in the Town Hall and see the many improvements that have been made. My thanks to Pam Cullen for giving me a refresher on the software and the reporting system.

Priscilla Hodgkins  
Tax Collector



## **Boats and Trailer Storage at The Commons:**

### **Storage of Boats/RVs and Trailers:**

The residents of New Castle are permitted to store their trailers in the summer **(2nd Saturday in May till the 2nd Sunday in September. The boats/RV'S can then be stored from the 2nd Saturday in September until the 1st day of June.** Residents are required to fill out applications for trailers and boats/RVs, and to let the office know when they will arrive at the Common. These forms are available on our Town Website and can be dropped off or mailed with all valid identification included with the application.

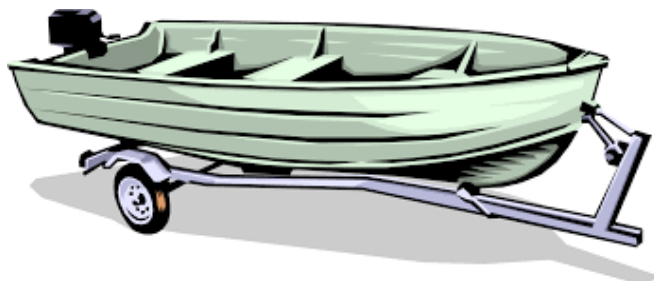
This spring the Common had 30 plus trailers with only a few applications thus causing hours of work to search for owners, as many do not put current-colored stickers on for easy identification. The only way we can find who owns the trailer is by plate number. Applications can print forms from the town's website and mail them in with a fee and we will mail you back a sticker. We are asking residents to please come do applications for trailers in spring and boats/RVs in the fall before they are stored. Also ask that residents adhere to dates of removal as in the spring the town uses the boat storage area for school buses that come to the Common. This was quite a problem this spring with boats not being removed timely & the dates required as such.

**\*\*There are two storage forms, one for boats/RVs and one for trailers** to be done every year when storing at the Common. In the past, we tried to combine the forms but that did not work out. Copies of current registrations are required along with proof of insurance and need to be presented with the application of storage.

**\*\*\*All Boats and or RV's and Trailers are Subject to Fines and Towing at the Owner's Expense.**

**The cost of Boat Storage is: \$6.00 a ft.**

**The cost of Trailer Storage is \$4.00 a ft.**



## **Green Waste Days:**

Green Waste Days will be held once a month on the following dates:

**August 19, 2023**

**September 16 , 2023**

**October 21, 2023**

**November 18, 2023**

The Green Waste operation is located to the right of the recreation building – 301 Wentworth Road next to the old rifle range (grey concrete building). Hours of operation are from 8 to 11am.



## **New Castle Fire Department:**



Greetings Great Islanders!

Did you know that in addition to traditional emergency response the Fire Department is happy to assist with:

Ordering and installation of emergency access key boxes.

Home safety walkthroughs to identify hazards.

Smoke and carbon monoxide detector replacement & battery changes.

Checking fire extinguishers.

Assessment of hazardous chemicals and flammable liquid storage.

Relocating to single floor living arrangements.

Moving from the house to the car for scheduled medical appointments.

Coordinating first contact with in-home care services.

Developing a home emergency action and evacuation plan.

Social check-ins with those living alone or with a partner in care elsewhere.

With personnel on duty twenty-four hours a day, these services are not burdensome, nor do they affect our readiness. We have already found great success in this program and look forward to working with you.

Call the station at 603 436 1132 or email [Firechief@Newcastlenh.org](mailto:Firechief@Newcastlenh.org) to schedule an appointment.

Thank you,

Ted Hartmann

Fire Chief

## New Castle Public Library:

A library is infinity under a roof. ~ Gail Carson Levine

In July we hosted **Let's Talk Books**. Our community of readers shared some of their favorite books - we walked away with a list of 34 books. Come check out our display at the library to find a guaranteed good read.

The Library and Recreation Committee continue to host our popular **Healthy Living series**. Stop in at the library to learn more about the programs – Strength & Conditioning (Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:30am), Yoga (Tuesdays at 9am), Walking Group (Thursdays at 8:30am), Great Island 5K walkers (Sunday 10/8 at 10am), and informational programs that focus on health and well-being. The programs, and the participants, are great fun!

**This Fall watch for some new programs** - Nutrition & Supplements for Bone Health, Overview of Electric Vehicles, Cookbook Club: *Ottolenghi Simple*, Spotlight & the Boston Globe (former Boston Globe head librarian Lisa Tuite will discuss the investigative journalism that exposed the Boston priest scandal), Technology classes (Libby & NH Downloadable Books, How To Take & Manage Photos on Your iPhone, Podcasts On Your iPhone, Excel Tutorial, Google Docs Tutorial), Let's Talk Books, and more.

**Let me know if you would like to receive emails about library programs! If you don't have a library card, please stop in at the library and we will have you signed up in under five minutes.**

### ***New Materials at the Library:***

**New Books:** *Small Mercies* by Dennis Lehane, *In the Lives of Puppets* by TJ Klune, *Hundred-Year House* by Rebecca Makkai, *Countdown* by James Patterson, *Properties of Thirst* by Marianne Wiggins, *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano, *Flicker in the Dark* by Stacey Willingham, *Simply Lies* by David Baldacci, *The Wager* by David Grann, *You Could Make This Place Beautiful* by Maggie Smith, *Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese, *So Shall You Reap* by Donna Leon, *Zero Days* by Ruth Ware, *First Ladies* by Marie Benedict, *Flash Point* by Tom Clancy, *Soulmate* by Sally Hepworth, *Wind Knows My Name* by Isabel Allende, *Half Moon* by Mark Beth Keane, *Five Star Weekend* by Elin Hilderbrand, *Affair of Spies* by Ronald Balson, *Look For Me There* by Luke Russert, *Goodnight Irene* by Luis Alberto Urrea ...

**New Audio Books on cd:** *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver, *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt, *The Wind Knows My Name* by Isabel Allende ...

**Movies:** Moving On, Operation Fortune, 80 For Brady, Quiet Girl, A Man Called Otto, Book Group - The Next Chapter, White Lotus season 1 ...

Happy Reading!

Christine Collins, Library Director



The Great Island Garden Club (GIGC) answered the call from New Castle's Select Board to "do something as a garden club to celebrate New Castle's 400th anniversary in 2023" in the form of a garden tour. A Task Force, chaired by GIGC members Glicka Kaplan and Claudia Wilbur, began planning in January 2022. Owners of 11 Historic District homes agreed to open their gardens for the tour.

*"The Secret Gardens of New Castle"* took place the evening of Friday, June 16, and all day on Saturday, June 17. The New Castle Police Department oversaw traffic control. Seacoast Trolley shuttled patrons from parking areas to the Town Landing, which served as the start of the tour. Volunteers from the GIGC, Men's Coffee, Scouts, and the New Castle community welcomed visitors to each garden, directed parking, assisted with ticket, plant, and merchandise sales, provided water, and set up and collected tables, chairs, tents, and signs used during the tour.

Despite torrential rain all day Saturday, the tour was an enormous success. A full crowd Friday evening was generous with compliments and positive feedback for our gardens and the flow and organization of the tour. Saturday, we had a steady, hardy crowd and loyal volunteers who fulfilled their obligations to sit at homes despite miserable weather. Homeowners were more than cooperative, opening their gardens again 2 weeks later to volunteers who were unable to take the tour because of the rain.

In all, we sold well over 600 tickets. We will use funds raised by the tour to plant and maintain the Club's seven gardens in New Castle and to make significant contributions to local and regional garden- and conservation-related charities that share our mission, *to stimulate knowledge and love of gardening, engage in community beautification, and protect the environment through educational programs and support of conservation and civic improvement.*

We are very grateful to all who helped make the tour a success: GIGC Task Force, garden owners, GIGC and community volunteers, Men's Coffee, New Castle Police Department, Scouts, and our 17 business tour sponsors.

### **Upcoming Programs**

Two educational programs are open to the New Castle community this fall. Mark your calendars! More info is on our website (see below).

- **September 12, 2023: Soil: It's Not Just Dirt!** Presented by Margery Winters. Macomber Room, 10 AM. See the GIGC website (below) for details on having your soil tested by the UNH Extension in advance of the program.



- **October 3, 2023:** *Design Tips for Traffic-Stopping Curb Appeal* Presented by Kerry Mendez. New Castle Congregational Church Parish Hall. Light refreshments 4:30 PM, Program 5 PM.

### **Membership**

The GIGC welcomes avid gardeners, beginners, and community-minded people of all ages who love to learn, meet, and connect with the New Castle community. *The Secret Gardens of New Castle Tour* brought 69% of our members together. We laughed, shared skills, got rained on, and were in awe of the beauty of these hidden garden gems along the ocean's edge. To join or learn more, visit [www.greatislandgardenclub.org](http://www.greatislandgardenclub.org).

**Follow GIGC on Social Media:** Facebook: Great Island Garden Club; Instagram: greatislandgardenclub



## **The latest from Safepath:**

By now, you must have noticed the hot pink flags in front of the New Castle recreation center and Common. They outline what is to be the next segment of Safepath. The question being asked is, “When does construction begin???” There has, in fact, been a small delay, due to concerns with access to the two public driveways. It’s a safety issue. Chris Robillard of NCDPW, is presently working with Rye Landscaping and CMA to make the necessary modifications to the plan. Safepath is about safety, so we are glad to be making this adjustment before moving forward. We are still confident that tractors and shovels will be ready to dig before the end of summer.

After the hot pink flags were placed in front of the Rec Center and Commons, several New Castle residents contacted Safepath to share their thoughts, suggestions, and enthusiasm. Thank you for that input. It was very helpful.

David Borden, our wonderful New Castle neighbor and enthusiastic member of the Safepath committee, passed away earlier this year. As his family suggested, many residents have donated to Safepath in David’s honor. To date we have received over \$ 4,800. Thanks to all who have contributed. Safepath continues to need private funding for the research and design phases of our projects. We are also planning on doing some planting and placing benches for the Common’s portion. David would be very pleased.



Don’t forget to look on the Town website for Safepath information and updates. We appreciate and thank the folks at Town Hall who are so willing and able to update the site for us.

## **New Castle Historical Society:**

The New Castle Historical Society is now working on Phase III of developing our Museum Woodland Garden and our fundraising is underway. Please consider how great the garden is for the town and donate generously so we can reach our goal of \$75,000. We have currently raised \$51,000. Phase III will include a new sprinkler system, benches in a seating area, flowering trees, ground cover for the street front, additional plants and other items needed to complete the garden. We just received a donation of flagstone that will be used to create the needed walkway. Our incredible garden committee of Jennie Schwartz, Mary Kennedy and Nancy Borden have also created a crevice garden, helped by several town members who donated the plants needed. Many of those folks volunteered to do the planting. If you haven't seen the garden recently, come take a walk through it. It's incredible. Our Abenaki Garden, planted by Jennie, is in full bloom.



***PHOTO # 1 – Jennie Schwartz in Museum Garden***



In support of the Town's 400<sup>th</sup> celebration, we put together a robust celebration, capably led by board member and Town Historian Carol White. The events included a historical reenactment on the Common on June 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>, a colonial barn dance on the 24<sup>th</sup>, village walking tours and the publication of

J. Dennis Robinson's **New Castle: New Hampshire's Smallest, Oldest & Only Island Town**. These events were in conjunction with the NC Garden Club's walking tour on June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, and an expanded 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.



***PHOTO # 2 – Carol White/Glenn Hammond at Colonial Barn Dance***



***PHOTO # 3 – Reenactment militia soldiers at Common***



***PHOTO # 4 – Grand Marshall, Carol White***



The antique popcorn cart donated by Frank King's grandson was completely refurbished by Jennie Schwartz and Bill Lomas. Frank's grandson operated the cart at the town beach during the 1930s and 40s. The cart was wheeled along the street by Joan and Glenn Hammond on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and was filled with bags of popcorn handed out to the crowd. The cart, now stored in the Old Fire Station, now belongs to NCHS. We would like to extend our special thanks to Chief Don White and the Police Department for their assistance in getting the cart safely to the parade starting point.



***Photo # 5 Antique Popcorn Cart***

We now have our new history of New Castle published and available at the museum. It is entitled **New Castle: New Hampshire's Smallest, Oldest & Only Island Town**. The book is by local celebrated author J. Dennis Robinson. It is now on sale at the museum on Weds/Sat 1-3 pm for the rest of the summer. It is listed at \$35. In the fall, the museum hours are Weds from 1-3, closed on Saturdays. Buy one for yourself and others for family and friends. It is a great gift idea. It is available on Amazon if you are unable to come pick one up. We also have Mike Geanoulis's book on sale: **Shots Not Heard Round the World**. This compelling text tells the story of the raid on Fort William and Mary [now Fort Constitution].

To help educate and remember the glorious history of New Castle, the museum continues its presentation of a lively slate of programs. The August program is called 'Tugs and Tankers' and will be presented by Chip Taccetta, a local tugboat captain. September will feature Sherm Pridham who is an expert on the Puddle Dock neighborhood of Portsmouth. Our October program promises to be a real crowd pleaser. The Castle Bay group weaves together the heritage of New England and Celtic lands with their lively music. They will present both sea shanties and sea songs. Be prepared to tap your toes and sing along! November will be our annual meeting, topped by the Island's younger generation talking about growing up in New Castle. We strongly recommend our programs and hope to see you all there! Programs are run at the museum; however, we also offer the Zoom option for those who cannot attend in person. See our website for the Zoom link. It is on the home page.

Following our November program, the NCHS takes the winter off. Our programs resume in April of 2024 and promise to be another great slate of topics of interest to our members and the public. Got an idea for a program? Let us know.

Attention continues to be drawn to our now world-famous Demers collection of pottery found in the shipwrecks in Harts Cove and off Salamander Point by the father and son team of the Demers family. We were honored to have the editor of Ceramics in America visit the museum. Mr. Ron Fuchs and Dr. Tad Baker spent hours studying our now world-famous collection. Mr. Fuchs was so impressed; he is going to publish an article in his prestigious journal. Professional photographers will take shots of the pottery pieces. This will give the museum even more acclaim.





***PHOTO # 6 – Alix Martin, Ron Fuchs and Tad Baker***

In honor of NH Archeology month, Doctors Tad Baker and Alix Martin presented a program on April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Moffat Ladd House to a capacity crowd. It was extremely well received.

Dr. Stefan Claesson, marine archaeologist, and owner of Nearview, an arial drone and archaeological surveying company, has approached NCHS with the proposal of conducting another dive to locate the shipwrecks where the Demers father and son found the pottery now in our collection.

Our membership drive for 2023 continues. We hope you will join or renew and be part of the incredible history of New Castle. Your dues help us in many ways. Here are a few: Paying for utilities, guest speakers, special events like the 400<sup>th</sup> celebration, the woodland garden, the History of New Castle book, office supplies and equipment, publicity mailings and on-going expenses for the preservation of our world-famous Demers collection of pottery.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook at New Castle NH Historical Society, and check out our website: [www.newcastlenhhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.newcastlenhhistoricalsociety.org) .

Elaine Nollet and Dawn Lake

## **From the Maude H. Trefethen Elementary School:**

*Last year was a banner year for MHT and the upcoming school year is looking to be even stronger with regard to unique enrichment opportunities for students and overall academic performance! As it pertains to the academic performance piece, MHT students in grades 3-5, achieved the highest scoring levels ever via the recent NH State Assessments, which is the State's summative assessment given to all students starting in grade 3. For the first time, the majority of the students, in grades 3-5, scored in the highest level category possible in both the Reading/Writing and Math summative assessments! For reference, there are usually only a handful of students that achieve this type of high level score. The MHT Staff is dedicated to giving students a top notch educational experience by providing them with a truly unique and tailored learning environment and it's working! Fun fact: did you know that if you are a New Castle resident Grandparent, Aunt or Uncle, you can tuition your grandchild/niece/nephew into MHT at a discounted rate? Contact us for more information!*

*As it relates to unique learning opportunities, we also reached record numbers of community members coming into MHT last year to offer their time in providing a special experience for students! However, the people coming in were not just our current students' parents, who visit, support and enrich MHT daily, but also community members outside of the current parent population of the school. For example, with the help of our incredibly engaging town Librarian, Christine Collins, we saw regular visits from our friends: Melissa Rigazio, Pat Wilson, Joanne Jones and Pam Stearns who taught MHT students the fine art, and lifelong skill, of knitting. Additionally, Phyllis Stibler came and shared her passion and expertise around illustrating, and even gave a signed copy of one of her books to every student! Another New Castle based artist, Maddi Alana, also came back to MHT again to share her unique skill sets and knowledge with kids as well! And in the realm of poetry and New Castle/US history, Mike Geanoulis, came by to talk about New Castle's connection with the American Revolution.*

*In closing, as Principal I have always relished chatting it up with, and tapping into the knowledge base of my favorite, and most frequent target cohort of residents (such as those listed above), who have both unique skills and a deep wealth of life experiences, to share with our youngest generation at MHT. As such, please feel free to reach out to us if you would like to collaborate on something! MHT is a special, amazing place and we thank all of the town for its ongoing support; so here's to another great school year!*

*Thank you,*

*David Latchaw, Principal*  
[dlatchaw@sau50.org](mailto:dlatchaw@sau50.org)





*Maude H. Trefethen School  
New Castle, New Hampshire*