

# TOWN OF NEW CASTLE

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#### CAUSEWAY PROJECT Project Scheduled for Spring 2012

Residents should be aware that Route 1B, along the causeway between New Castle and Portsmouth, will undergo reconstruction work during the Spring of 2012. Actual construction dates have not yet been set but the work will require that the causeway section of Route 1B be closed for approximately 2 weeks. Alternating one-way traffic will be allowed during one week before and one week after the 2 week closure period.

During the 2 week closure period the only route on and off the island for vehicles weighing less than 15 tons will be the bridge by the hotel.

Vehicles weighing more than 15 tons will be accommodated at certain times during the day through the causeway construction zone. More information about this project will be available in the coming months.



#### NEW CASTLE TOWN WEBSITE

Did you receive the recent email alert from the New Castle Police Department regarding a winter storm parking ban? Did you get *this* issue of Island Items sent to your email address so you could read it the day it came out?

If not, check out the town's new website at [www.newcastlenh.org](http://www.newcastlenh.org) and see all the information you might want and need about New Castle---it's all just a click away!

Here's a small sample of what you'll find on our active and informative website:

- ❖ A complete calendar of upcoming board and committee meeting dates and times.
- ❖ A quick sign-up for "e-alerts" to automatically receive via your email address such choices as the Police News, agendas and minutes of any of the town's land use board meetings, as well as Island Items.
- ❖ Application forms and permits that you can download.
- ❖ Quick links to the New Castle Library, MHT School, and various community organizations.
- ❖ A listing of all the town's departments, boards, commissions, and committees.

Take a moment and see what we have on our town website—you may even want to bookmark it for quick reference—and stay informed about our beautiful island community.

## EMERGENCY GENERATOR SAFETY

**If you own a back-up generator to supply your home or business with power during an outage, it is critical for your safety and the safety of our employees that your equipment is properly installed.**

Improperly installed generators can cause fires and feed electricity back into the power lines, endangering the lives of your neighbors, the public and PSNH line workers. In addition, you may be liable for damage or injury to people and property that may result from an improperly installed or operated emergency generator.

### Disconnect First!

It is a requirement that a transfer switch be installed to prevent back feeding electricity into the PSNH system. A transfer switch ensures that the PSNH power supply coming into your home or business is disconnected before you connect and operate your generator. Likewise, when returning to PSNH services, a transfer switch will make sure your generator is disconnected before reconnecting to the PSNH supply. PSNH recommends that each customer consult with a licensed electrician regarding installation of an appropriate switch.

To learn more about electric safety, visit our website at [www.psnh.com](http://www.psnh.com)  
US Consumer Product Safety Commission at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov)  
Electrical Safety Foundation International at [www.esfi.org](http://www.esfi.org)  
The National Fire Protection Association at [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)

## ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY GENERATOR SAFETY TIPS

- **NEVER OPERATE GENERATORS INSIDE** of your home, garage, basement, crawl space, carport, enclosed/partially enclosed space, or near doors and windows.
- **STORE FUEL FOR GENERATORS IN PROPERLY LABELED CONTAINERS** kept away from living areas and fuel-burning appliances.
- **CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS WITH BATTERY BACKUP SHOULD BE USED** in nearby enclosed spaces to monitor levels
- **MAKE SURE THAT EXTENSION CORDS USED WITH GENERATORS ARE RATED FOR THE LOAD**, are free of cuts or worn insulation, have three prongs and preferable one with a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI).

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If you have **ANY** questions please call the fire department at 436-1132 or just stop by.  
Please remember – **BE SAFE**

Bill Cronin  
Fire Captain  
New Castle Fire Department



## **Great Island Garden Club (GIGC) members are guaranteed not to get Cabin Fever This Winter!**

Unique programs are ahead for GIGC members. On **Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 5:30 pm**, **Loons**, the beautiful black and white speckled water birds unique to northeastern waterways will be the topic of a dinner meeting at the Wentworth Country Club. Harry Vogel, Senior Biologist/Exec. Director of the Loon Preservation Committee in Moultonborough, NH will talk about the status of the common loon in the state. He will discuss loon counts, how to decipher the meaning of their different calling sounds, nesting patterns and the danger of lead sinkers and boats.

Loons can be seen on our seacoast in the winter, returning in the summer to lakes such as Winnepesaukee when it unfreezes in the spring. Loons can be distinguished at a distance from other water fowl by the length of time they can stay under water, up to 40 seconds.

For further information concerning the GIGC and this meeting, please call Ann Tarlton, president at 603-319-8660.

*A behind the scenes tour of the **BOSTON FLOWER SHOW** will delight and awe New Castle gardeners on **Friday, March 16, 2012**. According to Ann Tarleton, president of GIGC, "This will be an opportunity to gather ideas from some of the best amateur gardeners in the North East. In addition, Neal Sanders, Director of the Flower Show will lead a private tour for the club." Discussed will be the horticulture, flower arrangements and photography exhibited at the show. Mr. Sanders wrote *Murder Imperfect*, a bestselling novel. Perhaps of interest to this group would be The Garden Club Gang about women who volunteer at this very same flower show. Mr. Sanders may be convinced to give a few writing tips to the group as well.*

For further information call Ann Tarlton at 319-8660.

For a complete change of pace, ***HONEY BEES will be the topic for the Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>*** Great Island Garden Club (GIGC) meeting at 9 am at the New Castle Congregational Church Parish Hall on Main Street in New Castle.

The expert speaker will be Wendy Booth, Vice President of the NH Beekeepers Association. She will talk about the role of the honey bee and their fascinating colony structure inside the hive. Problems affecting bees today will be discussed. How to become a bee keeper as a hobby will be explained, perhaps enticing local residents to raise this unique food source. Hospitality will be provided by Deedee Hammer, Laura Ludes and Susan Spaulding.

For further information call Ann Tarlton, president at 319-8660.

What could be more appropriate than discussing ***WILDFLOWERS on May Day? On Tuesday, May 1, 2012***

Great Island Garden Club members will meet at the New Castle Congregational Church Parish Hall for a program on wildflowers. Coffee and conversation will commence at 9am, a brief meeting at 9:30am, followed by Guy Giunta, Chairman of the governor's Lilac and Wildflower Commission speaking at 10am.

He also is a Landscape Specialist for Roadside Development for the NH DOT. He plans and oversees landscapes for the state highway systems. His team also gets involved in local towns and cities when new road projects are proposed.

Prior to working for the NHDOT, Giunta had a landscaping business in the Boston area. Hospitality for the meeting will be provided by Maggie Kennedy and Lisa Stern.

For further information call Ann Tarlton, president at 319-8660.

***Save the DATE – Great Island Garden Club  
Plant Sale, Saturday, May 19, 2012***

The renowned Plant Sale of the Great Island Garden Club will be held in the Commons Building on Wentworth Road in New Castle beginning from 8 am until 2 pm, Saturday, May 19, 2012.

For ease of purchase in order for customers to match their home landscaping conditions, plants will be divided at the sale into categories, SHADE, SUN, WET, EXOTIC, SUCCULANTS and LILLIES. There will be a section for Garden statuary and furniture as well as a silent auction of gardening gifts.

As Ginni Littlefield, co chair of the plant sale says, “The reason there is a waiting line at 8 am when we open, most of our plants have wintered over, i.e. spent one winter in blustery New Castle and therefore will survive almost any weather conditions. We believe they have over a 90 percent survival rate.”

For further information call Ann Tarleton at 319-8660.

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The Great Island Garden Club spring program season will draw to a close for the summer on ***June 5 with an annual meeting and luncheon field trip to Tower Hill Botanical Garden in Worcester.***

Following a private tour of Tower Hill, members will have lunch overlooking the Wachusett Reservoir. Tower Hill was founded by the Worcester County Horticultural Society and is becoming one of the world renowned botanical gardens. Included in the tour will be a dozen separate gardens, an heirloom apple orchard, a whimsical Folly, two glass conservatories called the Orangerie and the Limonaia.

Members of the GIGC are volunteers who plan, purchase, plant and tend to the flower beds and box planters in New Castle located in front of the library, church, town hall and Rec Center. Plantings are changed three times a year.

For further information in how you can participate please call Ann Tarlton, President at (603) 319-8660.

Emilie Spaulding, Publicity Chairperson 707-7898



***GREEN WASTE DAY***

The green waste dumpster will be available to island residents one ***Saturday*** each month during the 2012 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.....***

**Apr 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**Jun 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Jul 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Aug 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sep 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Oct 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Nov 17<sup>th</sup>**

## NEW CASTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

*The richest person in the world - in fact all the riches in the world - couldn't provide you with anything like the endless, incredible loot available at your local library. ~Malcolm Forbes*

**The library has been busy with vibrant activities and programs.** On October 25<sup>th</sup>, the library hosted its third annual Flashlight Halloween Story time. Thirty children attended in costumes and pajamas, with their flashlights, to read Halloween stories by the light of jack-o-lanterns. On November 15<sup>th</sup>, local author Brendan DuBois discussed writing in the Macomber Room - thank you to Mary Rauh for scheduling this event. On December 14<sup>th</sup>, the library welcomed the community to its annual Holiday Open House to share holiday cheer, cookies, eggnog & apple cider. Our adult library book club continues to meet the first Wednesday of each month – I have a 2012 book list available for anyone interested in attending. Additionally, the library has three children's book groups that meet monthly. On Thursdays the students at MHT visit the library, and I visit the school the first Friday of each month for a book talk with the students and staff.

**An update on the NH State Library interlibrary loan system** – The Portsmouth Herald reported on January 10<sup>th</sup> that, “The state's interlibrary loan service will likely end up unchanged, which comes as a major relief to library workers throughout the region.” On November 23<sup>rd</sup>, I sent 62 petition signatures in support of this program to Michael York, the NH State Librarian. Patrons were vocal about the importance of this service, which allows libraries throughout the state to share resources. This is an incredibly cost-effective, efficient method of sharing resources, therefore reducing cost of materials in every library and expanding materials available to patrons. Last year the four van system transported more than 800,000 items at a cost of 44 cents per item.

If you received a Nook or Kindle for Christmas, please stop the library for a NH Downloadable books library card. Our library participates in the

state consortium and we have access to more than **4,000 audiobook titles and 1,000 e-book titles.**

In the past month the library received donations of high quality used books. Used books are always for sale in our back room at a price of \$1 for hardcovers and \$.50 for paperbacks. **And, as always, we would love your BOOK DONATIONS!** This is a wonderful ongoing fundraiser for the library.

### **New Materials at the Library -**

**DVDs:** Forks Over Knives, Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows Part 2, Water for Elephants, Crazy Stupid Love, Blue Bloods (season 1), Larry Crowne, Sarah's Key, The Good Wife (season 2), The Help, Friday Night Lights (seasons 1-5), ...

**Family Movie Night:** Mr. Popper's Penguins (PG), Zookeeper (PG), Judy Moody and the NOT Bummer Summer (PG), Winnie-the-Pooh (G), Little Manhattan (G), Super 8 (PG-13), Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG), Elmo Says Boo (G), The World of Peter Rabbit (G), Dolphin Tale (PG) ...

**New Books:** *Boomerang* by Michael Lewis, *Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern, *The Price of Civilization* by Jeffrey Sachs, *The Litigators* by John Grishman, *The Prince of Ravenscar* by Catherine Coulter, *Sense of an Ending* by Julian Barnes, *Steve Jobs* by Walter Isaacson, *V is for Vengeance* by Sue Grafton, *Explosive 18* by Janet Evanovich, *Back to Work* by Bill Clinton, *Nightwoods* by Charles Frazier, *Why Read Moby Dick* by Nathaniel Philbrick, ...

**New Audio books on cd:** *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford, *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee, ...

**Library Hours:** Tuesday 1-7, Wednesday 1-5, Thursday 9-3, Friday 1-5, Saturday 9-1

### **Story Times:**

Thursdays at 9:30am and Saturdays at 10:00am.

Happy Reading!

Christine Collins, Library Director

## SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

The New Hampshire Presidential Primary was held January 10, 2012. 55% of the registered voters in New Castle voted in the Primary which exceeded the percentage of our neighboring towns. 482 votes were cast with the following breakdown: 369 Republican ballots were cast and 113 Democratic ballots. The Supervisors would especially like to thank John and Carolyn Payzant, Sally Gayer, June Lockhart, Karen Mitchell, and Leslie Parker for volunteering their time and doing an outstanding job as ballot clerks.

The Supervisors have scheduled a Session March 20, 2012 (7-7:30 PM) and April 28, 2012 (11-11:30 AM). New voters from New Castle may register at that time or registered voters can make any changes to the Checklist. New voters must bring a photo ID and proof of their street address (not PO Box) which may be found on a bill, lease, or car registration.

The New Castle Town Election is scheduled for May 8, 2012. See you then!

## SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Mary Rauh  
Darcy Horgan  
Sherri Becker, Chair



## NC CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH GUILD

A Soups On luncheon is back by popular demand! NCCCCG is sponsoring this delicious event on March 20, 2012 at 11:30 am – sell-out, in the Parish Hall. For just \$7.00 you may choose two of the eight soups, plus rolls, apple crisp dessert and a beverage. The soups available will be Tomato Bisque, Fish Chowder, Butternut Squash Soup, Black Bean Soup, Lobster Twist, Cream of Broccoli, Chopped Beef Minestrone, and Chili. Buy your tickets early from Deb Schulte 436-5071 or Marcia Whitehouse 436-6960.

The Monday Morning Crafts Group will begin meeting on Feb. 13, 2012 at 9:30 in the Parish Hall. We will be working on items to sell at the Christmas Fair. All women are welcome to join us.

The Rummage/Boutique/Collectibles/ White Elephants/Books and Bake Sale will be on May 5, from 8am to 1 pm in the Parish Hall. As you begin your Spring cleaning, please consider donating items in good condition for our sale. We cannot accept computer equipment or large appliances.

The next regular NCCCCG meetings will be held on Feb. 20, March 19, and April 16 in the Parish Hall at 9:30 am. The Guild is open to all women. It is a non-denominational group and welcomes new members of all faiths. Annual dues are \$3.00. Our mission is to provide fellowship and to raise money for our Church, as well as other worthy causes.

Deb Schulte, Co-President



## **2012 TOWN OF NEW CASTLE OPEN OFFICES**

### **FOR MAY 8, 2012 ELECTION**

#### **Filing period for town offices: March 21 – March 30.**

Declaration of Candidacy forms available at Town Hall. Any candidate filing on last day must file in person. Town Clerk will be available between 3p.m. and 5 p.m.

#### **Select Board Member : 3-Year Term**

Treasurer: 1-Year Term

Town Moderator: 2-Year Term

Budget Committee: 1-Year Term

Cemetery Trustee: 3-Year Term

Fire Ward: 3 -Year Term

Library Trustee: 3-Year Term

Supervisor of The Checklist: 6-Year Term

Trustee of Trust Funds: 3-year term

## **TOWN MEETING 2012**

### **Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Poles will be open for ballot voting from  
9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Location: Recreation Center at 301  
Wentworth Road**

#### **Important dates leading up to Town Election**

##### **March 9**

Supervisors will post checklist showing party registration in town hall.

##### **March 20**

Supervisors will hold session for correction of checklist from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Change in party registrations may be accepted.

##### **March 21 – March 30**

#### **Filing period for town offices.**

**Any candidate filing on last day must file in person. Town Clerk will be available between 3p.m. and 5p.m.**

##### **April 3**

Last day for 25 or more voters or 2% of the voters, whichever is less, in the town to petition selectmen to include a warrant article.

##### **April 24**

Last day for selectmen to post warrant at which will specify which items will be voted on by ballot.

##### **April 25**

Absentee ballots will be ready to mail or obtain at Town Clerk's Office.

##### **April 28**

**Last day for town clerk/supervisors to accept voter registration applications. *Session of supervisors for corrections to checklist between 11:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. No additions or corrections shall be made to the checklist after this session, until election day.***

##### **May 4**

Last day for supervisors to post final corrected checklist.

##### **May 7**

Town Clerk will be available to accept any completed absentee ballots filed in person at least between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. and between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

##### **May 8**

**Town Election Day.** Voters may register to vote at polls on election day.

##### **May 11**

Last day for any person for whom a vote was cast to apply to town clerk for recount. Clerk will be available at least between 3 and 5pm.



## REMINDERS FOR WALKERS, JOGGERS & CYCLISTS

A reminder for all walkers, joggers and cyclists: When two or more are engaged in walking, jogging or cycling, please remember to stay in a single line, especially when encountering any vehicular traffic.

## SAFEPATH WENTWORTH ROAD

The power outages caused by the 2011 snow storm in October, prevented PSNH from moving a utility pole that was in the path of the granite curbstone which has to be laid before final blacktop can be put down.

A base layer of blacktop has been applied but the job is incomplete in the eyes of NHDOT. Until the job is complete, the town will not be responsible for the path.

The path will be closed until Spring or when paving plants will again be in operation and able to supply material to complete the path.

NHDOT has told us that funding for the path is not in jeopardy and that they will advise us in writing of that fact.

It is the town's opinion that the contractor did a great job in constructing the path and, with a base coat of asphalt, the path looks like it is ready for use, but it is not. The town will not take ownership and, therefore, will not provide any maintenance during the winter or until the path is completed.

Signs at each end of the path have been erected to advise people that the path is not in use. Please communicate this fact to anyone in your travels.

## HISTORIC SOCIETY PRESENTATION

On Tuesday, April 10 at 7pm, the Historic Society will present a talk by Neil Novello who will speak about the Portsmouth Naval Prison. This is open to the public.

During his 25-year career, Mr. Novello has worked with people ranging from a MacArthur genius grant winning choreographer, Liz Lerman (*The Shipyard Dance*), to a black velvet art dealer in the US-Mexico border town (*Black Velvet Art*), to the die-hard practitioners of dirt track stock car racing in Mississippi (*Dirt: Thrills, Chills and Spills*), to immigrants and their experiences (*America: The New Immigrants*).

In 1998, Mr. Novello formed The Iguana Division, Ltd. (changed to *The Iguana Division, LLC* in 2009) to produce family biographies, documentaries and institutional video communication tools.

For more information on Mr. Novello and other press material about the Portsmouth Naval Prison productions, please go to:

<http://www.seacoastonline.com/articles/20091022-NEWS-910220434>

<http://www.seacoastonline.com/articles/20100327-NEWS-3270325>





## OPEN HOUSES AT PORTSMOUTH HARBOR LIGHTHOUSE

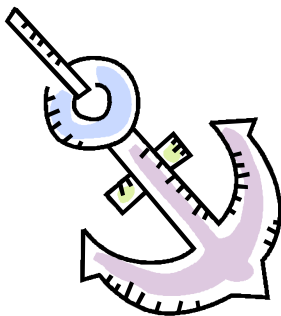
The lighthouse will be open in the 2012 season from 1 to 5pm every Sunday afternoon starting in late May to mid-October. There will be a suggested donation of \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. All the details of the open houses are on line at [www.portsmouthharborlighthouse.org](http://www.portsmouthharborlighthouse.org).



## BOAT REGISTRATIONS

The state has mailed out the 2012 boat registrations to all NH boat owners. Pam Cullen in the Town office is a boat agent and can register boats.

The town will receive a stipend if you register the boat with us instead of the state. Please call the town office at 431-6710 ext 10 for more information.



## DOG INFORMATION

All dogs over 3 months old must be license for the current year between January 1 and April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Owners must restrain their dogs from running at large within the town.

First Offense -	\$25.00
Second Offense -	\$50.00
Third Offense -	\$75.00

All dogs must be kept on a leash while in the Great Island Common.

Fine up to \$100

No dogs on in the Great Island Common between May 15<sup>th</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Fine up to \$100

No dogs on New Castle Beach between May 15<sup>th</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Fine up to \$100

All dog excrement on public property or private property of another must be picked up and disposed of immediately.

Fine up to \$50.00

No dogs allowed at Fort Stark or Fort Constitution.

Please make sure that you clean up after your dog, and don't be shy if you see dog owners or dog-walkers who don't comply with this request! You may report any violations to the New Castle Police Department, 603-436-3800.