

## Newsletter – April 1, 2022

Greetings!

Thank you for being a part of our community. We hope you find this and future newsletters both informative and enjoyable.

### GENERAL NEWS

#### Bulk Pick-Up

If you wish to participate in the town-wide, curbside Bulk Item Disposal Service, you must submit a form to the Selectmen's Office at 19 Academy Avenue no later than Noon on Wednesday, April 6, 2022. If you have any questions, please call (603) 362-5266.

Town Hall will be open during its normal hours, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Monday to Friday. You can drop off your payment - **only checks & cash** - as well as your Bulk Pick-Up Form to the Selectmen's Office.

For this bulk pick up, the cost is \$33 per item or \$58 per mattress.

Casella will only remove items from private residences that have properly notified the Town and paid the appropriate fee as required.

Additional information and forms are available online at

<http://www.town-atkinsonnh.com/waste.html>

#### Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off - Plaistow

Plaistow will host a Household Hazardous Waste Drop off day on Saturday, April 30th. It will be held at the Public Works Facility, 144F Main Street from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



## Hazardous Waste in *Your* Home??

Give them a new home! Bring them to the Plaistow Municipal Household Hazardous Waste Program. We'll recycle them or dispose of them in an environmentally safe manner.

### 2022 Plaistow MUNICIPAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION FOR PLAISTOW, ATKINSON, DANVILLE, HAMPSTEAD, CHESTER, AND KINGSTON



**SATURDAY, April 30, 2022**

**9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Plaistow Public Works Facility**

**144F Main Street, Plaistow, NH**

***Proof of Residency Will Be Required!***

### WHAT TO BRING?

**LIMIT PER HOUSEHOLD: 10 GALLONS or Equivalent**

#### KITCHEN/BATHROOM

Aerosol Cans  
Bug Sprays  
Floor Care Products  
Metal Polish  
Furniture Polish  
Oven Cleaners  
Drain Cleaners  
Bathroom Cleaners  
Tile Cleaners  
Disinfectants  
Batteries

#### GARAGE/WORKSHOP

Old Gasoline  
Gasoline/Oil Mixtures  
Brake Fluid  
Auto Repair Products  
Transmission Fluid  
Other Oils/Cleaners  
Paints (Oil Based Only)  
Paint Thinner  
Paint Stripper  
Varnish  
Antifreeze

#### GARDEN/MISCELLANEOUS

Chemical Fertilizer  
Fungicides  
Herbicides  
Rat Poison  
Artist's Paints  
Fiberglass Epoxy  
Gun Cleaning Solvents  
Moth Balls  
Pool Chemicals  
Photographic Chemicals  
Fluorescent Bulbs  
Batteries

#### **YOU CANNOT BRING:**

- Latex Paint
- Gas (Propane) Cylinders
- Explosive Materials
- Ammunition
- Radioactive Materials
- Medical Wastes
- Infectious and Biological Wastes
- Prescription Medicines/Syringes
- Smoke Detectors
- Commercial Wastes
- Fire Extinguishers
- Unknown Materials
- Computer Monitors or Equipment



#### **BRING ANY PRODUCTS THAT SAY:**

- Caution
- Toxic
- Pesticide
- Combustible
- Poison
- Flammable
- Warning
- Danger

**For more information: Contact Your Local Town Hall  
Because of Safety Concerns, please remain in your cars  
and do not bring children or pets**

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### Board of Selectmen

The Town of Atkinson would like to welcome a new member to the Board of Selectmen! Holly Patterson has been a resident of Atkinson since 2007. She is a mother of three who holds a BA in Economics and an MS in Accounting with a strong business background in banking. She is a former home care provider

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION NEWS

### **Save the Date - Saturday, April 9, 2022, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.:**

"Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world." Come join Atkinson Conservation at Freshwater Farms, April 9th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to pick up a FREE pollinator seed packet, including Milkweed seeds picked by Atkinson Residents! Come learn more about pollinators from the experts at Pollinator Pathways, and what you can do in your own yard to save and attract them. Enter to win tickets to The Butterfly Place in Westford, a bat house, a butterfly garden, a hummingbird feeder, plus much more. There will be kids' activities and a planting station, PLUS an opportunity to purchase mature native plants from American Native Beauties! And, there will be information about your Conservation Commission and what we do, and the opportunity to chat with Atkinson Conservation Commission members about our mission for the Town of Atkinson – it is sure to be a fun day!

### **Save the Date – Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 7:00 a.m.:**

The Conservation Commission will be sponsoring a bird watching event, led by UNH Wildlife Biologist, Matt Tarr. Matt is well known and very popular in the birding community, and space will be limited. We will open early registration for Atkinson residents in early May – watch this newsletter for details. Ted Stewart has generously allowed us to use his tree farm (165 Main Street), which he says is alive with birds at that time of year.

### **Save the date – Saturday, June 18 at 9:00 a.m.:**

Greg Jordan from UNH will lead an invasive plant identification workshop in the Sawyer Town Forest starting at 9:00 a.m. Hate invasive plants? Then mark your calendar and watch this newsletter for details.

## TOWN CLERK NEWS

It's dog renewal time! All dogs must be licensed in the State of NH per RSA 466:1 annually by April 30th. The Clerk's Office must have a current rabies certificate on file in order to register or renew your dog.

Please see the information in this email regarding the Fire Department Rabies Clinic being held Sunday, April 24th, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. should your dog need an updated rabies vaccine.

Assuming a current rabies certificate is on file with our office, you can renew your dog(s) license(s)

You will be asked to provide your dog's current license tag number. Ex: your dog was issued tag # 210470. You would enter 21-0470.

You can also call or email the Town Clerk's Office and we will look it up for you.

Please notify the Town Clerk's Office of any changes in your dog's status at [townclerkoffice@atkinson-nh.gov](mailto:townclerkoffice@atkinson-nh.gov) or call (603) 362-4920.

If you are new to town or recently acquired a new furry family member, you can newly register him/her at that same link above.

This is also trailer and boat registration season. For details on how to register your [trailer](#) or [boat](#), visit the Town Clerk webpage FAQ section.

If you bought out a leased vehicle, you must visit the Town Clerk's office to transfer the title and registration to your name.

**Reminder:** Town Clerk's Office Hours are Monday, 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Tues-Thurs, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Fri, 8:00 a.m. - Noon.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Every month at the Kimball Library, there's a wealth of ongoing programs and special events to enjoy for both children and adults. Here are April's special events.

### Programs for Adults

#### **Wolf of Clontarf – Author Talk**

**Monday, 4/4/2022: 6:30 p.m.**

Local Author Thomas Howley will discuss his work of historical fiction, *Wolf of Clontarf*. He will set his novel in the historical context of the middle ages in Ireland and describe his process of researching and writing. Mr. Howley is a retired U.S. Army officer and former operational intelligence analyst. He lives in Atkinson. *\*REGISTRATION REQUIRED\**

#### **Film Enthusiast Club**

**Tuesday, 4/5/2022: 1:00 p.m.**

to attend the show and you will also will be all set to watch the films to be shown in April, May and June.

*\*ADULTS ONLY - REGISTRATION REQUIRED\**

### **Decisions! Decisions! Boost Your Job Benefits Know-how (via ZOOM)**

**Tuesday, 4/5/2022: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. (via ZOOM)**

When you start a new job, some of your first decisions may be about saving for retirement and choosing a health insurance plan. How much should I put into my retirement account? Which investments should I choose? Which health insurance plan will serve my needs and be affordable? The choices can be daunting. Join us to gain some important insights on how to make these essential decisions. *\*AGES 17+ - REGISTRATION REQUIRED\**

### **Programs for Youth**

#### **T/ween Book Discussion**

**Wednesday, 4/6/22 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Join the most chill t/weens and chat with us about this book! Copies are available for the asking. We serve candy and the coolest conversation. Register yourself and your bestie.

The book of the month is 'Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus' by Dusti Bowling. [REGISTER HERE.](#)

#### **Friendship Rocks! (Ages 4+)**

**Monday, 4/25/22 @ 1:30 p.m.**

You don't have to be an artist to join this rock painting class! Paint whatever you want on your rock and give it to someone special. Friendship rocks are a great way to decorate your garden and show the people you love that you care. We may be getting messy in this class, so dress accordingly! [REGISTER HERE.](#)

#### **Rise and Shine It's Hunting Time! (Ages 3+)**

**Monday, 4/25/22 @ 3:30 p.m. & 4/27 @ 1:00 p.m.**

Have some free time and need something to do? Stop by the Children's Room for some fun scavenger hunts! Registration is NOT required for these programs so come when you can, and leave when you must.

#### **Library Scavenger Hunt**

How well do you know the library? Can you use the clues to find everything on your list? Stop at the Children's Desk to grab your list and turn it back in for a stamp or sticker! Bring a friend and see who can finish their list the fastest!

### **Gotta Find 'em All Pokemon Hunt**

**Wednesday, 4/27/22 @ 1:00-3:00 p.m.**

Can you find 'em all? Stop by the Children's Desk to pick up your Pokedex and see how many you can find hiding in the library. When you've found them all, turn it in for a special prize!

### **Planting the Rainbow and Frosting the Cookies! (Pre K- Gr 1)**

**Tuesday, 4/26/22 @ 10:30 a.m.**

It's vacation week and it's time to Plant the Rainbow and Frost the Cookies. Have fun making a rainbow of flowers with bright colors and paste. Just wait until you see how pretty they are! The cookies are extra fun too, and frosting your own cookies is even better! [REGISTER HERE.](#)

### **LEGO Time (Ages 3+)**

**Tuesday, 4/26/22 @ 3:00 p.m.**

We'll have the LEGOS and DUPLOS out from 3:00PM-6:00PM, so come on in and test your building skills! Try out the provided challenges or come up with your own. Registration is not required for this awesome Toy Time, though you must be at least 3 to play with the LEGOS. Come when you can, leave when you must!

### **GREASE Interactive Movie Night (Ages 10+)**

**Wednesday, 4/27/22 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Join us for this interactive movie night! You'll be given props and a script so you can interact at the appropriate times during the film. Dress up in character or to the theme of the movie and potentially win a prize! Sign up ALL your friends—interactive movie nights are best with lots of people.

Ages 10+ only, please. Movie start time is 6 PM PROMPT, so please arrive at 5:45 so you can make slime for one of the props! [REGISTER HERE.](#)

### **Tech Toy Time (Ages 3+)**

**Thursday, 4/28/22 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

The STEM toys are back! We'll have Keva planks, Brain Flakes, and Magformers available. Try out the

**Social Injustice for Kids (Gr. 1-5)****Thursday, 4/28/22 @ 4:00 p.m.**

Join us as we explore the important topic of social justice geared to youth in grades 1-5. Books, role playing, games, and crafts are on the agenda. Serious themes can be incorporated into an event that is fun and educational for kids. [REGISTER HERE](#).

**Recycled Cities (Gr. 3-6)****Friday, 4/29/22 @ 1:30 p.m.**

If you could create your own city, what would it look like? Would you add taller buildings? Jungle gyms? Zoos? Let your imagination run wild! Design and build your very own city out of cereal boxes and other light cardboard. [REGISTER HERE](#).

**Library Look and Find (Ages 3+)****Friday, 4/29/22 @ 3:00 p.m.**

Someone is hiding in the library! Can you spot them? The Youth Services Librarian has their picture at the desk. If you see them, whisper their location to the librarian for a sticker or a stamp! Come when you can, leave when you must.

**RECREATION NEWS**

The following programs are scheduled by the Atkinson Recreation Department. If you are interested in signing up or need more information, please contact the Recreation office at 603- 362-1098 or [commrec@atkinson-nh.gov](mailto:commrec@atkinson-nh.gov), or register online at <https://atkinson.recdesk.com/Community/Home>.

**Adult and Senior Programs:**

- Spring Tai Chi 8-week Session - beginner level classes will be offered on Mondays from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Atkinson Community Center (4 Main Street Atkinson NH) beginning April 4th and ending May 23rd. Full session fees are \$50 for Atkinson resident and \$66 for non-residents. Minimum of 10 participants. We are taking registrations now.
- See the "Atlantic city Boys" live in concert at the Castleton Conference Center in Windham, NH on Wednesday, April 27th. Price for this event is \$75 per person which includes a luncheon, meal tax & gratuity, and ticket. The doors will open at 11:30 a.m., lunch at 12:00 p.m. and the show is from

- The Atkinson Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to Fenway Park to see the Red Sox vs. Blue Jays game on Sunday, July 24th at 1:10 p.m. Registration for the game is scheduled on **Tuesday, April 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the Atkinson Community Center**. The cost of the trip is \$98 per person which includes a game ticket (right field-lower box seating), handling fee, deluxe coach bus transportation and driver's gratuity. The bus will leave the Atkinson Community Center at 10:30 a.m. which will allow participants time to visit the souvenir shops prior to the game. The bus will leave Fenway Park immediately after the game ends. Payment by cash, checks, and money orders will be accepted and due upon registration. Credit card payments are also available with additional service fee of 2.9% for members of Atkinson RecDesk portal account. To create a new account, please visit <https://atkinson.recdesk.com/Community/Home>. For additional information, please contact the recreation office at 603-362-5531.
- Comedy Hypnosis Show featuring Richard Barker at Castleton Conference Center in Windham, NH on Thursday, May 19th. More information to come, please contact Recreation Office at 603-362-5531.
- Yoga – Body and Brain class is looking for participants – Tuesdays 4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. at the Atkinson Community Center. Instructor Mary Krikorian \$10 per class.

### **Youth Programs:**

- Sun 'n Fun campers' registration is now open. The Atkinson Recreation Department is pleased to present the 2022 Sun 'N Fun Summer Program. It is set to take place from Monday, June 27th through Friday, August 5th and will be closed on Monday, July 4th. Our program runs 6 weeks for children (limited to 1st graders to 5th graders) in the Fall of 2022. The program takes place at Woodlock Park (80 Woodlock Park Lane). It is first come-first served and we will waitlist applicants. We are also hiring summer staff. To register or find out more information, please visit the Atkinson Recreation RecDesk portal page.
- The Easter Egg Hunt is going to be held on Saturday, April 16th at Woodlock Park starting at 11:00 a.m. sharp! This event is offered to Atkinson children up to 10 years old. Please bring a basket or bag to hold the eggs and wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Please arrive early to allow extra time for parking. The Atkinson Recreation Department sponsors this program with many helping hands from the Atkinson Girl Scout Troops. If the weather is poor, we may have to cancel. We will post the notice by 9:30 a.m. on the day of at the Woodlock Park, Recreation Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/atkinsonrecreation>, town website, community calendar <http://www.town-atkinsonnh.com/calendars.html>.

### **Memorial Day Parade:**



Ceremony at the Soldier's Monument. We have set aside this special day to honor the memory of the men and women who courageously gave their lives for their country and the well-being of those less fortunate. Each year, veterans join us to be honored for their courage, and to remember all those who served, and those who lost their lives. All veterans and families of veterans in their honor who would like to march, please arrive by 10:00 a.m. for the lineup. The Atkinson Women's Civic Club is inviting bikes, trikes and carriages to be decorated in red, white and blue. Please bring your wheels to be judged at the Town Hall front lawn at 9:30 a.m. Following the ceremony please join us at the fire station where the Atkinson Fire Fighters Association will hold their annual cookout and enjoy music by the Timberlane Community Band.

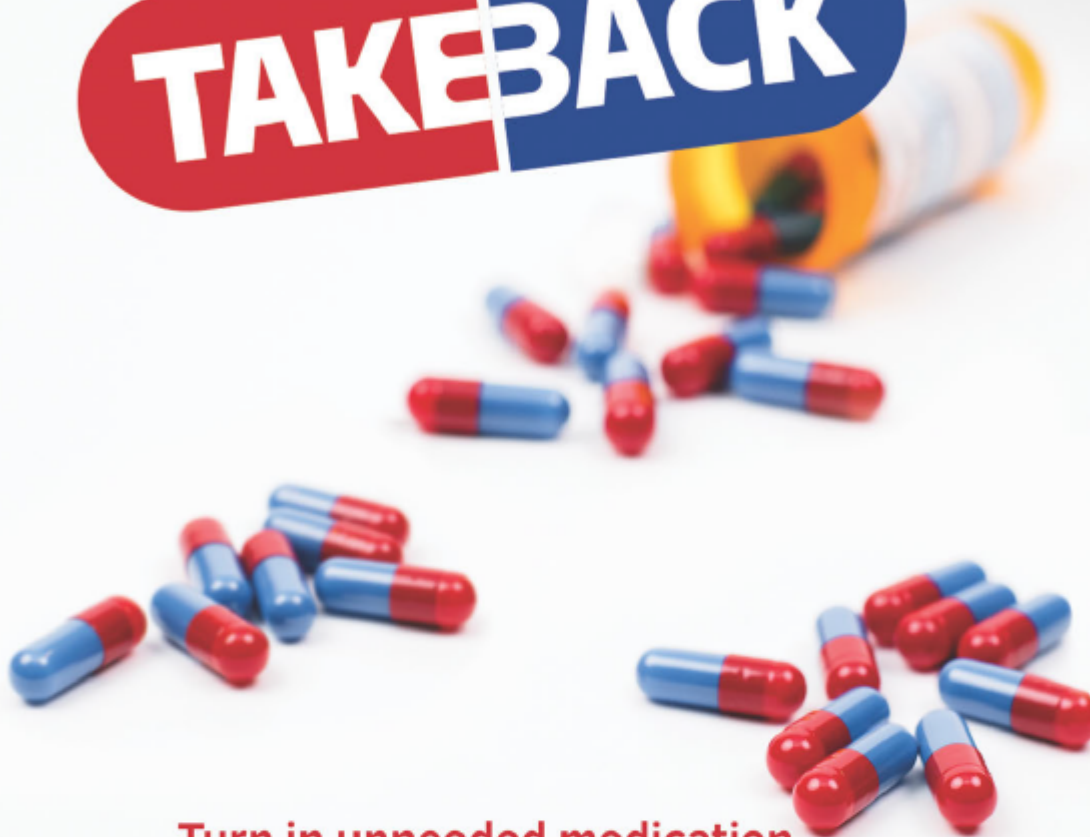
## POLICE NEWS

The Police Department will be participating again this year and the station will be open 10am to 2pm for people to drop off unwanted medications. Also, a reminder for residents to lock their vehicles when they are going to leave them unattended. 90% of car break-ins occur in unlocked vehicles and we ask everyone to protect their property and reduce the opportunity for these types of crimes to take place.

Finally, I wish to thank the residents of the town who came out and voted to approve the request for an additional Full-Time Police Officer at the March election. We take great pride in doing our part to keep Atkinson a safe, vibrant and welcoming community. The new addition will not only improve the safety of the Town but of the Officers who work round the clock for you.

Thank you,  
Chief Crowley

# DEA NATIONAL <sup>Rx</sup> TAKEBACK



Turn in unneeded medication  
for safe disposal.

**Saturday, April 30**  
**10 a.m.–2 p.m.**

**Keep them safe. Clean them out. Take them back.**

Visit [DEATakeBack.com](https://DEATakeBack.com) for a collection site near you.

## FIRE NEWS

[2022 Atkinson Firefighters Association Rabies Clinic](#)

their cats and dogs to be vaccinated onsite by Dr. Guischart of Brushwood Veterinary Clinic.

The clinic will be held at the Atkinson Fire Department located at 1 Academy Ave. Atkinson NH, 03811. We are grateful to have Dr. Guischart of the Brushwood Veterinary Clinic to administer the vaccinations. The cost will be an \$18.00 donation per pet.

The Atkinson Town Clerk's office will be available on site to offer animal registration for Atkinson residents. Dogs are required to be registered by April 30th, so if you haven't done so yet this is the perfect end of the season clinic for you.

We are pleased to have animal control officer Maura Wentworth on hand to answer any questions or concerns you may have regarding pet laws, safety, and awareness.

We will have some incredible pet supply baskets to raffle off the day of the event. Tickets can be purchased at the clinic and the winners will be announced after the event.

Please check in with the Atkinson Fire Association Facebook & Instagram page for updates on the event.

Any questions can be directed to the Fire Department Business line, seven days a week, 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. (603) 362-5611



## 2022 ATKINSON FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION RABIES CLINIC

# Sunday, April 24th, 2022

## 11:00AM - 1:00PM

We will have some incredible pet supply baskets to raffle off the day of the event. Tickets can be purchased at the clinic and the winners will be announced after the event. Stay tuned to our association Facebook and Instagram page for more information!

### LOCATION

Atkinson Fire Department  
1 Academy Ave  
Atkinson, NH 03811

### ATTENDEE INFO

\$18 Donation for each Dog or  
Cat Vaccination.

Obtain or Update your Annual Dog License  
With the Help of the Town Clerk!

\* Reminder: All Dogs are required to be licensed by April 30th

### Your Donations in the past have helped the Association purchase:

- AEDs to outfit town premises
- CPR mannequins and AED Trainers
- Thermal Imaging Cameras
- Hazardous Gas Detectors
- E-Draulic Jaws (Extricating Equipment)

Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the Atkinson Firefighters Association which is a 501(c)(3) (02-6019930) organization whose mission is to support the Atkinson Fire Department.

The Atkinson Fire Department is an organization providing fire protection, fire preventions and emergency medical services to the citizens of Atkinson and Mutual Aid to surrounding towns.

**Special thanks to Dr. Guischard of Brushwood Animal Clinic for  
Administering and Donating the vaccines!**

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