

August Newsletter

For Atkinson news directly to you.

Greetings!

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

Angela Wesson,
Assistant Town Administrator



GENERAL NEWS

The Town of Atkinson has a new website. Please check it out at the link below. Future Newsletters will include instructional information on how to use the new website.

www.town-atkinsonnh.com

FLAG DISPOSAL

According to the U.S. Flag Code, “The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning”. Flags should not be thrown out in the trash.

The Atkinson Veterans Club has provided 3 collection boxes: At the Kimball Library, Town Hall and the Community Center. Please drop off worn, ripped or unserviceable flags for proper disposal. On a periodic basis the Veterans Club will dispose of the retired flags at a ceremony by burning.

ANIMAL CONTROL GUIDELINES

An Animal Control Guidelines policy was recently passed by the Board of Selectmen. Please read the guidelines below.

A copy of the guidelines can be found at Town Hall.

Have you ever come upon an injured animal or sadly, an animal that was hit by a car and has expired? Not sure what to do or who to call for a prompt response? Here are the steps to get help quickly!

- 1) Call the police department FIRST! Call their non-emergency line at 603-362-4001. **DO NOT CALL 911 UNLESS THERE IS A TRUE EMERGENCY.**
- 2) If you are calling during business hours, the dispatcher for Atkinson will answer. Tell the dispatcher whether the animal is alive, deceased, or in need of assistance. Please provide the exact location as best as you can so either the police, animal control, or highway department can respond quickly.
- 3) The police department/dispatcher will contact the Animal Control Officer. **DO NOT CALL THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER DIRECTLY!** If the Animal Control Officer is not in the immediate area or readily available, backup will be contacted. If traffic control is required or the animal needs to be moved for safety purposes, the first responder will assist in this.
- 4) **AFTER HOURS PROCEDURE** – if the Atkinson dispatcher is not on duty, calls are managed by the Plaistow dispatcher. That direct phone number is 603-362-5536. If you call the regular number, and get an automated response, please be sure to follow the prompts to talk to a dispatch person. **DO NOT LEAVE A MESSAGE** for the Animal Control Officer as that line is not checked during off hours.
- 5) Per RSA 264:31, the driver of any vehicle who knowingly strikes a dog or cat and fails to report the incident to the dog's owner or custodian or the cat's owner or custodian or to a police officer as soon as possible, shall be guilty of a violation.

We sincerely appreciate your caring for our wildlife and Atkinson pets!

Other helpful guidelines:

- o If your pet is lost, please contact the Animal Control Officer as above.
- o If you find a lost animal, please **DO NOT TAKE THE ANIMAL HOME WITH YOU.** Most often the animal is local and removing them makes it harder to locate the owner.
- o If you find a wild animal that appears to be sick or see injured wildlife, please contact the Animal Control Officer as directed above. **DO NOT APPROACH THE ANIMAL** or touch it for your own protection.

Please keep this handy guide in your car or bag for reference when you will need it the most.

TRASH & RECYCLING NEWS

TRASH OR RECYCLING NOT PICKED UP?

If your trash or recycling was not picked up, please call Casella at (603) 898-3680.

Please DO NOT contact the Town Hall unless you are having persistent issues with trash or recycling collection.

BRUSH DUMP

The Brush Dump is located on Woodlock Park Lane, off of Westside Drive, opposite the tennis courts.

What materials are allowed?

Brush Dump:

- Clean wood with no finish
- Lumber no larger than 2" X 12"
- Branches, up to 20" in diameter

Mulch Pile:

- Leaves, lawn clippings, and wood chips only, and dirt or soil
- NOTE: Mulch has to be separated from the brush when dumping these items.
- Paper Leaf Bag must be emptied, Bag can be put in paper recycling when done.

Co-Mingle:

- Paper and Cardboard
- Plastic bottles
- Aluminum, tin (i.e. dog food, soup cans)
- Glass

What Materials are not allowed?

- Construction Debris (including finished wood of any kind)
- Demolition Debris
- Tires
- Stumps
- Propane tanks
- Hazardous materials

RAYMOND TRANSFER STATION

Need to get rid of bulk items, but do not want to wait for the next town run bulk pick-up? Raymond Transfer Station allows Atkinson residents to bring items to their lot.

Simply show them your driver's license with your Atkinson address and pay the appropriate fee.

you are trying to dispose of.

You can find the document below on the Town website at www.town-atkinsonnh.com.

EXHIBIT B

Raymond Transfer Facility

104 Prescott Road (off of 107 by the ballfields)

Operated by Casella

603-895-6273

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Saturday 8:00 AM to Noon

After implementation of Town's Raymond Resident Permit Program on June 1, 2020, Raymond Resident Only Access occurs on the 2nd Saturday of each month from Noon to 4 PM. Sticker must be affixed to the lower left corner of vehicle window to be valid.

Disposal Rates:

ITEM	CHARGE	
	Raymond Permit	No Raymond Permit
Couch - - - - -	\$20.00	\$23.00
Chair - - - - -	\$7.50	\$8.50
Mattress/box spring - - - - -	\$35.00	\$39.00
Refrigerator/Air Conditioner - - - - -	\$20.00	\$23.00
Television - - - - -	\$12.00	\$13.50
Propane Tanks & Fire Extinguishers (empty, 20 gal max) -	\$7.50	\$8.50
Tires		
Passenger/Pick up (no truck or equipment tires) -	\$10.00	\$12.00
Computer/Equipment		
CPU/Computer/laptop - - - - -	\$12.00	\$13.50
Monitor - - - - -	\$12.00	\$13.50
Printer/Copier/Scanner - - - - -	\$5.00	\$6.00
Keyboard - - - - -	\$5.00	\$6.00
Automotive Battery		
Wet-Vehicle - - - - -	\$5.00	\$6.00
Demolition Debris	<u>Raymond Permit</u>	<u>No Raymond Permit</u>
Roofing - - - - -	\$.077/pound	\$.086/pound
Construction Material - - - - -	\$.077/pound	\$.086/pound
Bulky Waste - - - - -	\$.077/pound	\$.086/pound
Unclassified (nonspecial & nonhazardous)	\$.077/pound	\$.086/pound
Brush Only	\$0.15/pound (\$10 minimum)	Permit Only
Recyclables Program restored 6-1-2020	FREE with Permit	Permit Only
(cans, bottles, plastic containers, newspaper, corrugated cardboard, magazines)		
Motor Oil – RESIDENTIAL - - - - -	FREE	FREE
Metal - - - - -	FREE	FREE
(scrap iron, aluminum, brass, copper, radiators-no oil, converters)		
Christmas Trees – Accepted during the month of January only		
	<u>Raymond Permit</u>	<u>No Raymond Permit</u>
Clean – no decorations - - - - -	\$10.00 per tree	\$12.00 per tree
With decorations, tinsel, etc. - - - - -	\$15.00 per tree	\$17.00 per tree
Raymond Residents donating to Town Bonfire Event	FREE	
(as scheduled annually)		

CONSERVATION COMMISSION NEWS

SELECTIVE TIMBER HARVESTS

contractors to selectively cut trees in the Stickney, Marshall, and newly-acquired Beckhorn lands. The purpose of these cuts is to improve the diversity of these forests, and, in turn, increase the diversity of the wildlife that they can support. While the initial result may seem unsightly, the end result will be an improvement in the health of the forest.

The following short video by UNH's Matt Tarr gives a good overview of why we do this:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nBFbISc52TU&ab_channel=UNHExtension

While the work is being performed, for your safety we ask residents to heed posted signs. We will give further updates through this newsletter once schedules are firmed up.

TOWN CLERK NEWS

VOTER/ELECTION IMPORTANT DATES

The [Absentee Ballot Application](#) (pdf) is now available for the upcoming September 13, 2022 and November 8, 2022 State General Elections. You must complete a separate request form for each election. Absentee Ballots are expected to arrive sometime between August 1, 2022 and August 12, 2022.

June 1, 2022 - September 13, 2022 - Party Change Black-out Period - May 31st was the last opportunity to change your party affiliation prior to the State Primary.

New Voter registrations can be accepted in the Town Clerk's Office or at any upcoming Supervisor of the Checklist meeting through Tuesday, September 6, 7:00 p.m.

For more information about voting in NH, absentee ballots, or upcoming election information, please visit the Town Clerk website <http://www.town-atkinsonnh.com/clerk.html>.

MOTOR VEHICLE TIP

If you bought out your leased vehicle you need to visit the Town Clerk's Office to transfer & re-title the vehicle to your name.

If you paid off a loan for your vehicle and received the title, please provide us with a copy of that release of lien and a photo of the front of the title so we can update the State DMV.

THE KIMBALL LIBRARY IS HIRING!

Part-Time Library Assistant

Do you thrive on interacting with people and serving your community? Can you deliver excellent customer service? Are you an avid reader, movie lover or frequent library user? The Kimball Library is looking for a person who enjoys interacting with both children and adults, is detail-oriented, and has excellent communication and technology skills.

See [Kimball Library Job Opening for Library Assistant](#) on our website.

Position is open until filled with a first review of applicants beginning immediately. Send letter of interest and resume to: director@kimballlibrary.com

Library Page

Do you like to organize things with great detail? Are you self-motivated and creative? Library Pages shelve and merchandize materials, wait on customers at the Circulation Desk and work on posters and social media posts. This is an excellent job opportunity for high-school students who are at least 15 years old. The shifts are on fixed evenings and 1 to 2 Saturdays a month. It's 7 to 12 hours a week at a wage of \$12.50/hour.

If you are interested, please fill out the [Application For Employment Form](#) and email it to director@kimballlibrary.com or mail to Director, Kimball Library, 5 Academy Avenue, Atkinson, NH 03811.

ADULT PROGRAMS/EVENTS

Movies at Kimball Tuesdays @ 1:00 (Registration not required):

Fatherhood: August 2, 2022

A father brings up his baby girl as a single dad after the unexpected death of his wife who died a day after their daughter's birth.

Rated: PG – 13 Runtime: 109 minutes

The Lost City: August 16, 2022

A reclusive romance novelist, Loretta Sage writes about exotic places in her popular adventure novels that feature a handsome cover model named Alan. While on tour promoting her new book with Alan, Loretta is swept up in a kidnapping attempt that lands them both in a cutthroat jungle adventure.

Summer Concert with Knock on Wood: Thursday, July 28 @ 6 PM

Knock on Wood is a high-energy acoustic folk-rock duo, featuring singer-songwriter Howie Newman and joined by Joe Kessler on fiddle and mandolin. Combining acoustic guitar with fiddle, mandolin and pleasing vocal harmonies, the duo performs Classic Rock covers and original music. It's a family-friendly concert.

For more information or to receive a reminder email go to:

<https://kimballlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/summer-concert-with-knock-on-wood/>

Summer Concert with The Last Duo: Thursday, August 11 @ 6 PM

Greg Descoteau and Dan Sirois are both accomplished singer-songwriters and their vocal and instrumental talents compliment each other. With top-notch harmonies, The Last Duo is a diverse highly entertaining acoustic duo that performs songs from a wide range of artists such as The Everly Brothers, America, Simon & Garfunkel, Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, and many more. *This event will be moved indoors in event of inclement weather.

For more information or to receive a reminder email go to:

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YOUTH PROGRAMS/EVENTS

Dear Summer Reading Friends,

Many of you are excited to know if you have 'WON' the Summer Reading Challenge of meeting the goal of 200 registrations so I will dye my hair 'ocean blue'. The challenge is open until July 30th, so on August 1, I will give the final count! COME SEE FOR YOURSELF!

See you in early August for the final reveal! Meanwhile, KEEP reading!

Love, Ms. Kathy

'Opinionated Octopuses Book Discussion: 8/2/22 @ 6PM (T/weens)

Bring your most recent favorite reads & be part of the selection process for the 2022-2023 T/ween Book Discussion Group academic year. (Sept-June). We meet monthly on the first Wednesday, but this is your chance to bring books to pitch for reading in the upcoming year. YOUR opinion, matters! Book talk and convince us that your choices are the best. Register yourself and a friend! <https://kimballlibrary.com/opinionated-octopuses-8-2->

5X5X5: K-Club Readiness: Mondays at 5 PM for age 5 for 5 weeks

Starting school can sometimes be scary. Come practice your 'school skills' and make some friends! We'll read stories, learn about schedules, play some games, make a craft, and most importantly- have lots of fun!

This class is designed to help preschoolers feel comfortable in taking the next step in their learning careers. We'll be practicing our listening skills, raising our hands, and making new friends.

Register: <https://kimballlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/5x5x5-k-club-readiness/>

'McDonny's Farm & Kona Ice: 8/3/22 @ 6PM (Family Event)

McDonny's Farm is back and he's bringing some adorable animals! Stop in and hang out with the bunnies and chicks and have a refreshing frozen treat from Kona Ice!

Register: <https://kimballlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/srp-2022-oceans-of-possibilities-5/>

This is an Oceans of Possibilities summer reading event sponsored by The Friends of Kimball Library.

RECREATION NEWS

Please contact Atkinson's Recreation office at 603-362-1098 or commrec@atkinson-nh.gov for any questions, additional information, or if you wish to register for any of the available programs.

Online registrations are also available at <https://atkinson.recdesk.com/Community/Home>.

WEEKLY WELLNESS PROGRAMS (FOR SENIORS AND ADULTS)**Jacki's Aerobic Dance (Fall Session): September 14th - December 7th on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (No November 11th Class)**

Jacki's Aerobic Dance is back for in-person classes at the Atkinson Community Center. All the routines are choreographed by Jacki Sorensen through VERTIFIRM (Weight Training for all muscle groups), core work, cardio dance, and stretch. Complete fitness in one hour. 19 classes \$133 (\$7 per class). Contact Arline Descheneau at 603-401-1514 or Arline.Descheneau@comcast.net to register.

Yoga: Tuesdays from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

It is \$10 per class. Contact Mary Krikorian at 978-837-1738 for more information.

- 8:45 p.m. on first Tuesdays)

Contact Vanessa Underwood at 603-382-7460 or at fitnessa@aol.com for more information.

Temple Exercise (Tai Chi): Mondays from 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Donation \$1.00 for local food pantries / class. This class is led by the volunteer leaders and participant are taking turns to lead fourteen (14) routines of Temple Exercise.

Line Dancing: Mondays from 9:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

It is \$5.00 per class. The instructor is Jason McCollin.

DAY TRIPS (REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN)**Shades of Bublé : Wednesday, September 21st**

Located at Danversport Yacht Club in Danvers, MA, the Three-Man Tribute to Michael Bublé brings the swinging standards and pop hits of Michael Bublé to the stage in an unforgettable high-energy concert event. Cost for Atkinson resident is \$98.00 per person and \$103.00 per person for non-residents. In addition to the show, the tickets include: transportation, plated luncheon, meal tax and gratuity. Ticket Payment due upon registration. There are no refunds for cancellations received after September 9th. Plated luncheon meal choice: stuffed breast of chicken or baked schrod. Also Included: salad, potatoes, vegetables, breads, dessert, coffee / tea. Organized by the Best of Times Travel.

COMMUNITY EVENTS**Ice Cream Social and Summer Concert: Thursday, August 18th at 5:30 p.m.**

How about a delicious ice cream sundae and some music? The Atkinson Recreation Department is inviting Atkinson residents to a free Ice Cream Social and Summer Concert featuring the Timberlane Community Band on Thursday, August 18th at the Kimball Library Courtyard. The Ice cream social starts approximately 5:30 p.m. followed by our finest local musicians. Bring your lawn chairs and/or blanket to sit on. This will be a wonderful way to spend hot summer night with your friends and family. This event is co-sponsored by the Atkinson Recreation Department and the Kimball Library. No registration is needed for this event. Please call Noriko at 603-362-1098 or commrec@atkinson-nh.gov for more information.

Elder Services Fundraiser Cookout: Thursday, August 18th at 5:00 p.m.

Elder Services will be joining the Recreation Department at the Kimball Library Courtyard on August 18th to coincide with the recreation department's ice cream social and summer concert for their fundraiser cookout. The courtyard will open at 4:30 p.m. and cookout

hamburger or a hotdog; \$4.00 for an additional hamburger OR a hotdog. All proceeds will go directly towards the "Elder Services Transportation Fund". To purchase and/or order tickets in advance, please contact Elder Services at 603-362-9582 or elderservices@atkinson-nh.gov. Many thanks to Atkinson Lions Club for their assistance in cooking and preparing food for this event!

If the forecast is for rain all evening, or if the Recreation, Library staff, and Timberlane Community Band decide that the weather is too inclement for our event, we will postpone the Elder Services' Cookout and Ice Cream Social, but the concert will be cancelled. It will be decided by 3:00 p.m. on August 18th. Please check the Town and Kimball library website as well as the Atkinson Recreation Facebook page for more information.

ELDER SERVICES NEWS

FUNDRAISING

Elder Services will be sending out the Annual Fundraiser Driver letter in August.

Fundraiser Cookout for Elder Services: Thursday, August 18th at Kimball Library Courtyard.

Please see above.

COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

DONATION BINS

There are three donation bins at the Community Center parking area. Accepted donations include clothing and shoes ONLY. Do not leave any other items outside of the bins or it will be hauled away as trash. If the bins are full, please come back another time because your donations will help the Atkinson Women's Civic Club's charitable funding and keep our environment cleaner.



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