

July 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



TOWN HOLIDAY HOURS

Town offices will be closed on Monday, July 4th in celebration of Independence Day.

TOWN HALL HOURS

REMINDER! The Town Hall now closes at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on Fridays.

The Town Hall has four offices, all with different hours. To view each department's office hours, please visit the individual department pages on the Town website at www.town-atkinsonnh.com.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT NEWS

JOB OPENING

The Town of Atkinson Highway Department is seeking a reliable individual for a full-time position as a Highway Laborer.

Prospective candidates must be able to provide general labor and support for road maintenance and repair. The position requires that the Laborer be available 24/7 during the months of November thru April.

Candidates are required to have a valid New Hampshire Driver's license, a clean driving record for the past 36 months, and specific training prior to being eligible to drive for the Highway Department.

Starting pay is commensurate with experience.

Applications are available on line at www.town-atkinsonnh.com under "Careers/Volunteers", or in the foyer of the Atkinson Town Hall. Please return applications, clearly labeled "Highway Laborer", to:

**Town of Atkinson
19 Academy Avenue
Atkinson, NH 03811**

Applications are being accepted through **July 8, 2022 or until the position is filled.** For additional information, please call John Apple, Town Administrator, at (603) 362-

The Town of Atkinson is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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.

BULK PICK-UP

Saturday, July 16, 2022, is the scheduled Bulk Pick-Up Day for residents who wish to dispose of bulk items. Please visit the Town's website, <http://www.town-atkinsonnh.com/waste.html>, for all the details including a copy of the form that needs to be completed and returned to the Town Hall any time before **Noon on July 13, 2022**. A fee of \$33 is required for each item, except for a mattress for which the charge is \$58. **Residents may pay with check or EXACT cash ONLY.** You must register by Wednesday before **Noon July 13, 2022**, to have an item collected.

For questions, please contact the Assistant Town Administrator at (603) 362-1060 or AsstTownAdmin@atkinson-nh.gov.

BRUSH DUMP

Looking to get rid of yard waste or extra recycling? Pick up a Brush Dump Pass at the Town Hall (They're Free!)

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

- 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.

It is recommended that you call ahead to confirm that they will take the item you are trying to dispose of.

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

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

TURTLE NESTING SEASON

It's turtle nesting season (May through Mid-July)! Let's give turtles the respect they deserve by driving slowly and looking out for them as they cross roads and yards while making their way to nesting sites. Be especially careful on roads near water, like Maple Ave (North) near Sawmill Swamp as many turtles get killed here each year. Atkinson is fortunate to have one species of endangered turtle (Blanding's turtle) and one species of

Thank you!

Atkinson Conservation Commission

ENERGY COMMISSION NEWS

ENERGY SAVING TIPS

Do you really need that 2nd Refrigerator?

Many of us have a spare fridge running in the house/garage/basement in case we need to store extra food or drinks. Chances are it was a hand-me-down or older model, so we think it's free. WRONG! Old fridges are the biggest electricity user in the house and are probably responsible for a large portion of your monthly electric bill. Do you really need those 2 year old frozen burger patties? Unplug that extra fridge and buy food only when you need it.

Dust Bunnies waste energy

Speaking of refrigerators, when was the last time you vacuumed under or behind your fridge? They exchange heat and convert it to cool based on air and heat exchange. Dust bunnies and dirt block that airflow and decrease the efficiency of your appliance. The same applies to your air-conditioners, and central heating and cooling systems. Change or clean the air filters often... pollen and dust can rob you of efficient heating and cooling.

Measure your electricity use: borrow a Kill-A-Watt from the Kimball Library

Did you ever wonder how much electricity your fridge or TV or computer or appliances use? Measure them yourself with a Kill-A-Watt, a small plug-in meter that displays energy use. You can borrow one from the Kimball

Library. <http://www.p3international.com/brochures/p4400.pdf>

LED Street-Light Conversion update

In March, all Town-owned street-lights were converted to LED energy-saving fixtures. The new street-lights are brighter, reduce "light pollution" by focusing the light beam down on the street (not up to the sky or into your bedroom windows), and of course, use much less electricity. The Energy Commission has been working to make this happen for almost 10 years. Thanks to a grant from NH Saves, on-bill financing by Unitil, and the financial flexibility of Affinity LED, the Town was able to complete the project with very little up-front expenditure. The project should deliver budget savings to the Town every year in the future.

Change your light bulbs to LED

Air Fryers save electricity

Do you own an Air-Fryer? They seem to be all the rage in appliance sales and are available in all price ranges. Several members of the Energy Commission own air fryers and love to cook with them. In many cases your air fryer can cook your meal instead of your electric oven, and do it quicker and better, while using less electricity.

More Efficiency Tips from NH Saves

The NHSaves web site is full of efficiency tips and information on rebates and programs run by NHSaves. Check it out. <https://nhsaves.com/learn/2022/03/spring-efficiency-tips/>

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 after August 1, 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>.

VEHICLE RENEWAL TIP

Did you know you can renew and/or inspect your vehicle up to 4 months in advance? This is a great convenience for any "snow birds".

TAX COLLECTOR NEWS

If you have not made your payment, please call (603) 362-5357, for a payoff figure before mailing your payment.

The Lien will be set on July 22, 2022, so please try to pay the Lien off ASAP to avoid the Deed process.

Hope you all have a great summer!

Deb Desimone, Tax Collector

LIBRARY NEWS

ADULT PROGRAMS/EVENTS

Film Enthusiast Club - Cyrano: Tuesday, July 5th @ 1:00 p.m.

Are you a Cineaste (an enthusiast for or devotee of movies or filmmaking)? If so, join us for the film: Cyrano ~ In this retelling of the classic story, Cyrano de Bergerac is charged with the monumental task of wooing a woman, Roxanne, who he has fallen in love with. *
Registration not required.

Summer Concert with Jordan TW TRIO: Thursday, July 14th @ 6:00 p.m.

Join us for an evening of outstanding music and entertainment. Putting a fresh spin on traditional Celtic music, the Jordan TW Trio delivers a dynamic show full of lively fiddle tunes, haunting airs and classic sing-alongs.

*In the event of inclement weather this concert will be moved from the courtyard to indoors. The 2022 Summer Concert Series is generously sponsored by George Family Charities. For more information go to: <https://kimballlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/summer-concert-with-trio/>

Film Enthusiast Club - Everything Everywhere All at Once: Tuesday, July 19th @ 1:00 p.m.

Are you a Cineaste (an enthusiast for or devotee of movies or filmmaking)? If so, join us for the film: Everything Everywhere All at Once. Comedy, Adventure, Sci-fi, Fantasy are the genres you will find in this film. With her laundromat teetering on the brink of failure and her marriage to wimpy husband Waymond on the rocks, overworked Evelyn Wang struggles to cope with everything until she becomes swept up in an insane adventure.

*Registration is not required

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 . The 2022 Summer Concert Series is sponsored by George Family Charities. For more information visit:

<https://kimballlibrary.com/knock-on-wood-2022-summer-concert-series-600-thursday-7-28-2022/>

So Many Things To See, So Many Places to Visit ~ Kimball Library Museum Pass Program

Fourteen (14) passes to destinations around NH and Massachusetts. You can reserve your pass online or call the library and we will do it for you. Discount using the Museum Pass Program generally offer 50% off general admission. (Depending upon location and number attending in your party). For more information stop by the library and pick up a brochure or visit: <https://kimballlibrary.com/museum-pass/>

YOUTH PROGRAMS/EVENTS

“Turtles All The Way Down” Book Discussion: Wednesday, July 6th @ 6:00 p.m. (T/weens)

Join the most chill t/weens and chat about John Green’s “Turtles All the Way Down.” We serve candy (Swedish fish and turtles!) and the coolest conversation!

Register yourself and a friend!

<https://kimballlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/t-ween-book-discussion-7/>

Crustaceans Code: Tuesday, July 12th @ 2:30 p.m. (Gr. 1-3)

Join us for an awesome session of coding! Children entering grades 1-3 are invited to come crack the code with Gail Ramsay (Code & Circuit). Learn how to make your robot draw, play music, and more!

Registration is required in person and is complete after a \$10 fee is paid. Find out more information and start your registration on our website.

<https://kimballlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/crustaceans-code-gr-1-3/>

This is a ‘OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES’ event sponsored by the Trustees.

“Finding Nemo” Interactive Movie Night: Tuesday, July 12th @ 6:00 p.m. (T/weens)

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<https://kimballlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/srp-2022-oceans-of-possibilities-10/>

This is a 'OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES' event sponsored by The Friends of Kimball Library.

Key of Sea with Steve Blunt: Wednesday, July 13th @ 6:00 p.m. (All Ages)

Get ready to flap your fins and flop your tails! Steve Blunt, a Kimball Library favorite, returns to perform ocean-themed songs and stories that'll make a splash! This event is geared for kids under age 10, but all ages are welcome!

<https://kimballlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/srp-2022-oceans-of-possibilities-3/>

This is a 'OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES' event sponsored by The Friends of Kimball Library.

SCRATCH with Joe: Monday, July 18th @ 4:00 p.m. (Gr. 1-3)

Learn how to code using Scratch! Create your own stories, games, and animations with your new programming skills! Kids entering grades 1-3 are invited to this special workshop led by teen teacher Joe Quaratiello.

<https://kimballlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/scratch-with-joe-quaratiello/>

Water Wars: Tuesday, July 19th @ 6:00 p.m. (T/weens)

This means WAR! T/weens (grades 5+) will battle in fast-paced, competitive, and WET games! Prepare to have lots of fun and to get wet. Invite your friends to make the games even more of a blast.

<https://kimballlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/srp-2022-oceans-of-possibilities-20/>

This is a 'OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES' event sponsored by The Friends of Kimball Library.

Splash into Reading with Jungle Jim: Wednesday, July 20th @ 6:00 p.m. (All Ages)

members will participate in the performance and a GIANT OCEAN CREATURE will be created!

This event is geared for ages 0-10, but Jungle Jim is fun for all ages!

<https://kimballlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/srp-2022-oceans-of-possibilities-4/>

This is a 'OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES' event sponsored by The Friends of Kimball Library.

Sea Glass Art: Wednesday, July 27th @ 6:00 p.m. (T/weens)

Do you love sea glass? Have you ever collected it from the beach? Did you know you can use it to make cool art? T/weens at this workshop will be making art from sea glass! Find out how to make beautiful sea glass art in this beach themed class for ages 10 and up.

<https://kimballlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/srp-2022-oceans-of-possibilities-7/>

This is a 'OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES' 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 WELNESS PROGRAMS (FOR SENIORS AND ADULTS)

Jacki's Aerobic Dance (Summer Session): June 6th - August 10th on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (No July 4th 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.

Fusion Fitness: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. (8:00 a.m. - 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)

Red Sox games to Fenway Park: Sunday, July 24th

Red Sox vs. Blue Jays game at 1:10 p.m. The cost is \$93 for Atkinson residents, which include a game ticket (Right Field Lower Box seating Section B1 Row A ~ F), handling fee, deluxe coach bus transportation and driver's gratuity. The cost is \$100 per person for non-residents if some tickets are still available. Our coach bus will leave Atkinson Community Center at 10:30 a.m. and we will leave from Fenway Park immediately after the game ends.

Shades of Bubl  : Wednesday, September 21st

Located at Danversport Yacht Club in Danvers, MA, the Three-Man Tribute to Michael Bubl  brings the swinging standards and pop hits of Michael Bubl  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, potatos, vegetables, breads, dessert, coffee / tea. Organized by the Best of Times Travel.

SUN N' FUN

Still have some spaces left!

The Atkinson Recreation Department is pleased to present the 2022 Sun 'N Fun Summer Program. The program is set to take place from Monday, June 27th thru Friday, August 5th and will be closed on Monday, July 4th. The program will run for six (6) weeks and is limited to 1st graders to 6th graders in Fall 2022. The program takes place at Woodlock

register weekly and/or find more information, please visit the Atkinson Recreation RecDesk portal page <https://atkinson.recdesk.com/Community/Home>.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Free Concert & Ice Cream Social: Thursday, August 18th

Join us at the Kimball Library Courtyard for an ice cream social and concert at 5:30 p.m. on August 18th. Music from the Timberlane Community Band starts at 6:00 p.m. No registration required. Please bring lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

ELDER SERVICES NEWS

HOURS OF OPERATION

Elder Services will be closed from Tuesday, July 5th to Friday, July 8th.

FUNDRAISING

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

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

Prior to the concert and ice cream social, Elder Services is planning to have a Fundraiser Cookout. The courtyard opens at 4:00 p.m. and the cookout starts at approximately 5:00 p.m. Hamburger or hotdog, chips, and a drink. All proceeds go directly towards "Elder Service Transportation Fund." More information to come.

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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