

## Newsletter – March 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

#### Atkinson has a new Town Administrator!

Please welcome our new Town Administrator, John Apple! Mr. Apple has spent the past three years as the Assistant Town Manager for the Town of Bethany Beach in Delaware where he oversaw operations of all Town departments, worked in human resource management, budget management, community planning, code compliance, and much more. He currently resides in Windham with his wife and children. We are excited to work with him and know that he will bring a new energy to the Town of Atkinson. Stop by and say hello to Mr. Apple during our operating hours Monday-Friday from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION NEWS

#### Pollinator Event - Saturday, April 9, 2022

The Conservation Commission is excited to be hosting our 2nd annual Pollinator event at Freshwater Farms on Saturday, April 9, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Pick up your FREE Pollinator Planting kit including Milkweed and other native seeds we collected in the Fall! Visit with experts from Pollinator Pathways NH and American Beauties Native Plants to get the scoop on Pollinators and Native plants! Enter to win free stuff! Discounts and much more!

#### No Motorized Vehicles

Residents are reminded that motorized vehicles, including snowmobiles and especially ATVs, are not allowed on the Town's conservation lands. There have been several incidents recently of damage to our trails, and the Atkinson PD is prepared to enforce this regulation. If you are aware of an active violation, please call the Atkinson PD at 603-362-

## TOWN CLERK NEWS

The 2022 Town Election is TUESDAY, MARCH 8th. You can find more information regarding this election including the Absentee Ballot Application on the Town Clerk website <http://www.town-atkinsonnh.com/clerk.html>. Absentee ballots can be requested and received through 7 PM on March 7, 2022.

### Upcoming Deadlines

- New Voter Registration: Same Day Voter Registration at the 3/8/2022 Polling Place.
- New Voter Registration Black-Out period: Feb. 27, 2022 – March 7, 2022
- Town Election: Tuesday, March 8th, 7:00am-8:00pm, 4 Main Street, Community Center

### Dog Licenses

It's time to renew your dog(s) license. On-line, via mail, or visit the Town Clerk's Office. 2021 licenses expire April 30, 2022.

Click the link below to renew your license online:

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

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Youth Programs at the Library.

Are you staying home for winter break? Do the young people in your life need activities? Drop by the Library for some exciting programs! We'll have movies, crafts, STEAM and sensory programs. There's something for everyone to partake in and escape the cabin fever you might be feeling. Check it out and register them for their favorites. Each link will provide the details and the way to sign up.

- Tuesday March 1:
  - [Bird in a Cage](#) (PreK-1) @ 10:30am
  - [Family Film \(All Ages\)](#) @ 1pm

- [Anime Antics!](#) (T/weens) @ 4pm
- [Tween Book Discussion](#) (T/weens) @ 6pm

- Thursday March 3:
  - [Paper Collage Today!](#) (K-5) @ 3:30pm
  - [Bingo for Books!](#) (All Ages) @ 6pm
- Friday March 4:
  - [Unicorn Sensory](#) (Ages 3-6) @ 11am
  - [Creative Crafting](#) (Ages 3-6) @ 1pm

### **For Teens and Adults**

Kimball Library Virtual Financial Workshop for Ages 17 - 30. These workshops are designed to help young adults (high school – college as well as young professionals up to age 30 acquire the necessary knowledge and skills for long-term financial prosperity and independence. Each workshop requires a separate sign-up and is offered as part of the Babson Financial Literacy Project. Register for one or for all four.

Tuesday, March 1 @ 7pm:

- Tips and Tricks for Managing your Credit  
<https://kimballlibrary.com/financial-workshops-for-ages-17-30-zoom-register-starting-tuesday-3-1-2022/>

Tuesday, March 15 @ 7pm:

- Managing your Money to Build your Best Life  
<https://kimballlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/virtual-financial-workshop-for-17-30-year-olds-register/>

Tuesday, April 5 @ 7pm:

- DECISIONS! DECISIONS!  
(Perfect for the young professional with a new job and who has questions about

[17-30-year-olds-register-2/](#)

Tuesday, April 19 @ 7pm

- Protecting you and your Assets
- <https://kimballlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/virtual-financial-workshop-for-17-30-year-olds-register-3/>

Thursday, March 10 @ 6pm

- The Tuskegee Airmen

Learn the story of how a group of black men who were once considered of little value to the World War II war effort, proved they could take down enemy aircraft abroad and racial barriers at home. Led by Jeffrey Urbin, Education Specialist at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum. Register for your Zoom link at <https://kimballlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/the-tuskegee-airmen/>

Thursday, March 31 @ 6 PM via ZOOM

- FIERCE FEMALES: Women in Art

Women have long been the subject of art, often depicted as nothing more than objects of desire. How do images of women change when women become the creators? This program examines the history of women in art in brief and then explores the lives, careers and works of several major women artists from the Renaissance to the twentieth century. A NH Humanities Program and sponsored by the Friend of the Library. Register for your Zoom link at <https://kimballlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/fierce-females-women-in-art/>

## RECREATION, COMMUNITY CENTER, AND ELDER SERVICES NEWS

If you would like to register or need additional information on the following programs, please contact the Recreation Office at 603-362-1098 or [commrec@atkinson-nh.gov](mailto:commrec@atkinson-nh.gov) also register via Atkinson Recreation RecDesk online registration <https://atkinson.recdesk.com/Community/Program>.

## RECREATION

DOES THIS DESCRIBE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW? - Do you love sports, hiking, arts & crafts, games, nature, and the great outdoors in general? Do your friends say that you're great with kids?

Then maybe working for the Recreation Department is the job for you!

Atkinson Recreation is now accepting applications for all positions; one Director, two assistant directors, and ten counselors, for our summer program Sun 'n Fun 2022.

Interested candidates should complete an Application for Employment which can be downloaded from our website at: [http://www.town-atkinsonnh.com/temp\\_employment/Rec/sunNfun-appl.pdf](http://www.town-atkinsonnh.com/temp_employment/Rec/sunNfun-appl.pdf) and also visit Recreation RecDesk portal page <https://atkinson.recdesk.com/Community/Home>.

Completed applications should be sent to: Town of Atkinson Recreation, 19 Academy Avenue Atkinson, NH 03811 by April 1st. Once your application is received, you will be contacted to setup an interview.

For questions, please contact the Recreation office at 603-362-1098 / [commrec@atkinson-nh.gov](mailto:commrec@atkinson-nh.gov).

## **Events**

**5-Week Winter Wellness Challenge** - Join Atkinson Recreation for a 5-week Winter Wellness Challenge February 13th thru March 19th for Fitness, Nutrition and Mental Health wellbeing. Our challenge is to be physically active for 30 minutes or more every day throughout February and March. Walk, snowshoe, ski, build a snowman, join an online fitness class – move however you like for 30 minutes!. Please check Atkinson Recreation RecDesk page or Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/atkinsonrecreation> for more information. Participants may register online at <https://atkinson.recdesk.com/Community/Program>.

**"To Kill a Mockingbird" at Boston Opera House** - Please join the Recreation Department on Sunday, April 10th for a sponsored trip to Boston Opera House to see "To Kill a Mockingbird". The bus is scheduled to leave from Atkinson Community Center at 3 pm and return at approximately 10 pm. When we arrive in Boston, you will have a few hours of free time near the Boston Opera House Theatre District prior to the 6:30 pm show. The cost of the trip is \$113 for Atkinson residents and \$120 for non-residents. To register

at <https://atkinson.recdesk.com/Community/Program> by March 4th.

Payments are due upon registration. Cash, check (payable to Town of Atkinson) and credit card payment with 2.9% procession fee are accepted. No refund except cancellations due to COVID-19 related reasons, the money will be credited towards future Atkinson Recreation trips/events.

## COMMUNITY CENTER

### Candidates Night - Atkinson Women's Civic Club

- Tuesday, March 1st at 7 pm at Atkinson Community Center.

The Atkinson Women's Civic Club is pleased to present their annual "Candidates Night" to meet the candidates for Town of Atkinson offices & Committees and Atkinson seats in the Timberlane School District. The public is invited to join Candidates on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 7:00 pm in-person at the Community Center located at 4 Main St. Candidates of all the positions will make their statements followed by a question & answer opportunity. Town Resident, Jim Garrity, will be helping as a Facilitator for the night.

Please contact Catherine Zerba [Czerba@awcc-nh.org](mailto:Czerba@awcc-nh.org) or Noriko Yoshida-Travers at [nytravers@awcc-nh.org](mailto:nytravers@awcc-nh.org) for more information and to send questions in advance.

## ELDER SERVICES

Please welcome our new Elder Services Drivers - Peter, Nancy and Rich! We are excited to have them join our team and to provide additional rides to Atkinson seniors.

Sincerely,

Angela Wesson

Assistant Town Administrator

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