

# October Newsletter

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*For Atkinson news directly to you.*

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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*

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## GENERAL NEWS

### TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

Town offices will be closed on Monday, October 10, 2022 in observance of Columbus/Indigenous Peoples' Day.

### TRICK-OR-TREATING HOURS

Happy Halloween!

Trick-or-treating will be taking place from 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM on Monday, October 31st.

Please be safe and responsible.



## POLITICAL SIGNS

Questions about political signs around Town? Check out the Town Political Signs Notice on the [Town website](#).

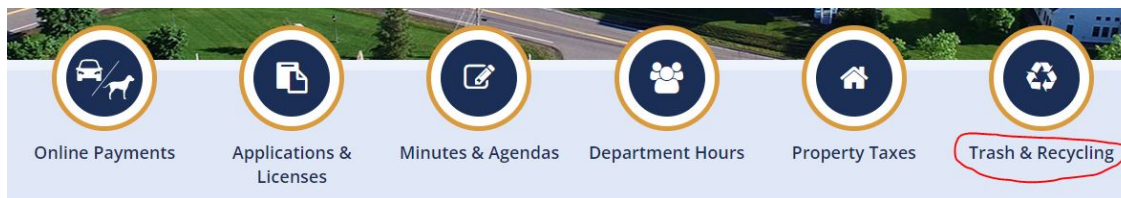
If you have any questions, please contact our Code Enforcement Officer, Brian Boyle, at 603-234-0721.

## TRASH & RECYCLING NEWS

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

**Saturday, October 29, 2022**, is the scheduled Household Hazardous Waste Day for residents who wish to dispose of hazardous household items. This year's Household Hazardous Waste Day will be hosted by the Town of Kingston, NH. The location of the event is **12 Main Street, Kingston, NH 03848** from **9:00 AM to 12:00 PM (Noon)**.

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



## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

### UPDATING AEDs

The Fire Department is working with the state to update and geographically map all Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in Atkinson using an online database registry.

To make this AED database as complete and accurate as possible, we ask that all business owners with an AED please contact Director of EMS Paula Holigan at 603-490-1301 or [pholigan@atkinson-nh.gov](mailto:pholigan@atkinson-nh.gov).

### ATKINSON FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION CLASSES

Are you a resident of Atkinson or a business owner that wants their employees trained to save a life? The Atkinson Firefighters Association has resumed in-person CPR, First Aid, and Bloodborne/Airborne Pathogens classes. Classes are being scheduled for groups of 5 or more. Contact Director of EMS Paula Holigan at 603-490-1301 or [pholigan@atkinson-nh.gov](mailto:pholigan@atkinson-nh.gov) for more information or to sign up for a class today!

### HEART SAFE COMMUNITY

The Atkinson Fire Department is working toward a Heart Safe Community recognition. The primary goal of the program is to increase survival rates from out-of-hospital cardiac arrest.

Individual communities can develop and implement lifesaving networks that focus on coordinating local resources to prevent sudden cardiac arrest from becoming sudden cardiac death. Group efforts involving individuals, businesses, public officials and

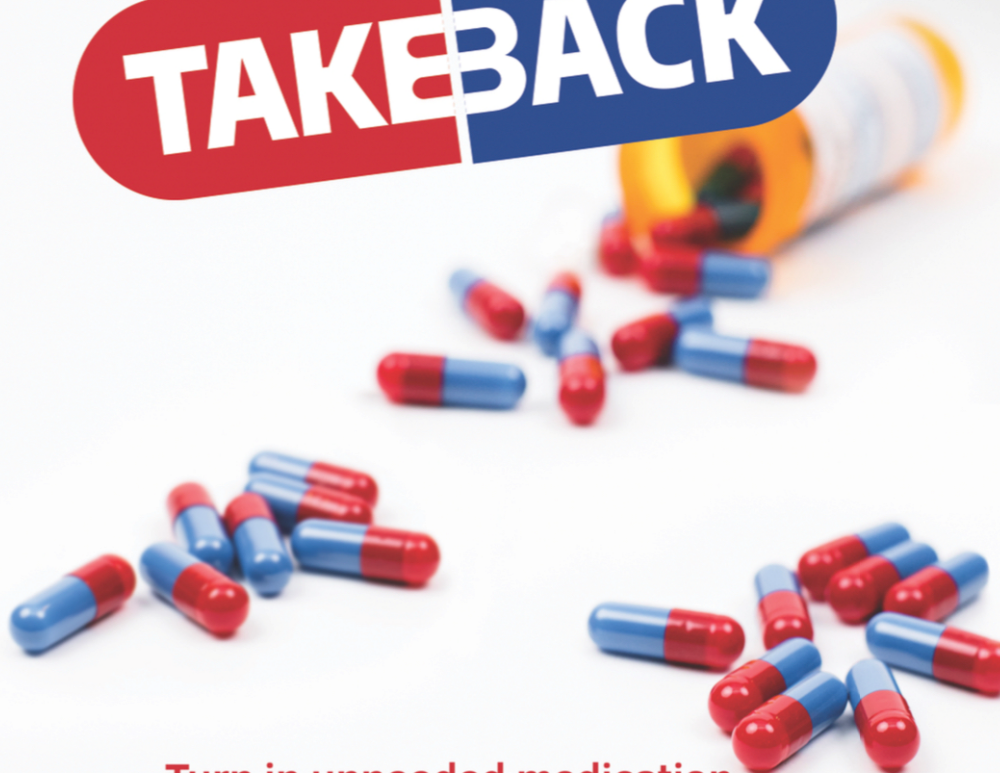
information.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS**

### **DEA NATIONAL TAKEBACK EVENT**

Residents with unneeded medication can turn it in to the Police Department for safe disposal on Saturday, October 29th between the hours of 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

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



Turn in unneeded medication  
for safe disposal.



**Saturday, October 29**  
**10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

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

**Drop box is located in the lobby of the PD**

## ATKINSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

### SCARECROWS

Scarecrows are for sale at Kimball House Museum home of Atkinson Historical Society at 3 Academy Ave. They are all hand painted by Atkinson artisan Sally Dowd. She painted each face giving everyone it's own unique character. We have 2 sizes child at about 62 inches tall and adult at about 80 inches tall. All you need to do is give it an outfit and put it in the ground. They cost \$30.00 each and we accept cash, checks, and credit cards. We are open



better storage for objects and artifact in acid free boxes and support our educational programs for all ages. If you need alternate times to pick up a scarecrow please call and we will do our best to meet up.

## THE CENTER SCHOOL

This past August The Center School, located across from Atkinson Academy was placed on the New Hampshire Register of Historic Places. The Center School is Atkinson's last remaining One Room Schoolhouse. The school was open from 1880 to 1948. We are gathering stories from former students of the School if you have not shared yours please let us know and we can set-up an interview.

## 9TH ANNUAL HISTORICAL HISTORY HUNT

On Saturday, October 22nd (rain date 29th) the AHS will host our 9th Annual Historical History Hunt at the Atkinson Cemetery. This fun family event starts at the Kimball House where families and history buffs can pick up their hunt and wander in the cemetery to find all the interesting monuments. At the Kimball House we will have snacks, games and crafts for the kids, and door prizes. We will also have our 1st floor exhibits available to view as well as a special one for the Congregational Church as they celebrate their 250th Anniversary. This is a FREE event for all ages from 10AM-2PM.

For any questions regarding these programs/activities please call the AHS at 603-362-9317.

## MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE NEWS

### THE MASTER PLAN UPDATE PROJECT IS UNDERWAY!

The Master Plan Committee (MPC) was formed in July 2022 consisting of Planning Board members and resident volunteers. The Town has engaged Resilience Planning and Design, LLC to assist us through the process. The MPC is a sub-committee of the Planning Board and acts in an advisory capacity and will draft the Master Plan update and present to the Planning Board for a public hearing and adoption according to NH statute.

The MPC will hold public meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month. The public is always welcome to attend. Agendas and meeting minutes are available on the Town's website on the MPC's page. The public is always welcome to attend these meetings.

**[How to get more information or provide comments:](#)**

<https://www.town-atkinsonnh.com/planning-board/master-plan-committee-mpc>. This is a work in progress.

**Here is a recap of progress so far:**

On August 31, 2022 a kick-off meeting was held. The members got acquainted with each other and with the scope of the project. We have started the first 2 tasks, 1) Community Outreach & Engagement and 2) Mapping and Analysis of existing conditions. During the Analysis of current conditions, the MPC will address 2 topics per meeting. Community & Engagement will always be a topic throughout the entire process.

The MPC met again on Wednesday September 21 with the Master Plan consultant, Steve Whitman of Resilience Planning and Design of Plymouth. Although there were only a few items on the agenda there was no shortage of discussion. The items discussed were Outreach and Engagement, Population, Housing and Land Use. There are a number of committee members that have been in the town a long time and they reported how the town has changed and how the town continues to change. Steve was grateful to hear the discussion as this information is vital in forming the process to be used as we move toward the master plan.

Stay tuned for updates on this process, specific ways to share your feedback, and opportunities to create a community vision for the future of Atkinson!

Respectfully,  
The MPC

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION NEWS**

### **LAND CONSERVATION PLAN**

The Conservation Commission, with the assistance of planning consultant Julie LaBranche, is finally nearing the end of a 2+ year planning effort to take stock of the town's current conservation accomplishments and plan for the future. Beginning October 1, a draft copy of the Plan will be posted here:

[Draft Plan Files](#)

From now until October 21, members of the public are invited to review the plan and give



the plan at our meeting on October 26, 2022.

By Tuesday October 4, a paper copy of the draft Plan will be available for inspection in the Land Use Office.

## **TIMBER HARVEST**

The previously-announced selective timber harvest is about to start. In anticipation of questions and concerns, we have prepared a Fact Sheet to help residents understand why this is being done. Click [here](#), to view the Fact Sheet.

## **WATER RESOURCE COMMITTEE NEWS**

### **LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!**

The Atkinson Water Resources Committee was formed by the Atkinson Select Board to serve as an advisory and educational resource to the Town of Atkinson and its residents on issues concerning environmental sustainability, with a focus on water access, quality, conservation, economics, education, and regulation. The Committee will also serve as the primary advisor to the Select Board on all issues pertaining to water resources.

We are welcoming new committee members. If you wish to learn more please contact Mike Trasatti at [mtrasatti698@gmail.com](mailto:mtrasatti698@gmail.com).

## **TOWN CLERK NEWS**

### **NOVEMBER 8TH ELECTION UPDATE**

The State General Election will be taking place Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at the Atkinson Community Center, 4 Main Street, from 7AM-8PM.

**Shifts for Nov 8:** An email about staffing for Nov 8th will be sent soon to those who are currently on our volunteer list (Ballot Clerks, Line Control Helpers, Parking Lot Helpers and Post-Election Counters). If you have not worked an election recently and are interested in helping, please email the Supervisors of the Checklist at [supervisors@atkinson-nh.gov](mailto:supervisors@atkinson-nh.gov).

## **VOTER REGISTRATION**

- The Town Clerk's Office during hours of operation **UP UNTIL** 11/1/2022. (*Black-Out period 11/2-11/7/2022*).
- The Atkinson Community Center, 4 Main St., 7:00PM – 7:30PM on Tuesday, November 1st, during the Supervisors of the Checklist meeting.
- The polling location – Community Center - on Election Day, November 8, 2022.
- Information on what documents are needed to register to vote can be found here: <https://www.sos.nh.gov/elections/voters/register-vote/registering-vote-new-hampshire>.

## ABSENTEE BALLOTS

As of today, October 1st, we are still awaiting the arrival of our Absentee Ballots. We will mail them out as soon as they arrive to everyone who has submitted a request as of that day.

### More Absentee Ballot Information:

- You may vote by using an absentee ballot if you meet the state's requirements and qualifications and are unable to vote in person because of disability, religious beliefs, military service, or because of temporary absence. COVID-19 is no longer a qualification.
- Absentee Ballot Request Form for November 8, 2022 State General Election can be found here: [Absentee Ballot Request Application](#).
- Anyone can pick up or drop off an Absentee Ballot **Request** Application for someone other than themselves.
- The Application Request Application must be signed with a wet ink signature. Electronic signatures **CANNOT** accepted.
- Request forms (once signed manually) can be faxed, emailed, mailed, or dropped off by anyone.
- Absentee Ballots **CANNOT** be handed to anyone but the voter standing in front of us.
- Absentee Ballots cannot be applied for nor returned to the Supervisors of the Checklist at their November 1st meeting.
- **Atkinson DOES NOT have a Ward.** Please leave that blank on the Affidavit Envelope.
- Track your Absentee Ballot: <https://www.sos.nh.gov/elections/voters/absentee-ballots/absentee-ballot-status>.

[TownClerkOffice@atkinson-nh.gov](mailto:TownClerkOffice@atkinson-nh.gov).

## LIBRARY NEWS

### KIMBALL LIBRARY SURVEY

The Kimball Library Survey is Coming to Atkinson in Mid-October!

It's our turn to listen! As we envision the next few years at the Library, we want to hear your thoughts. The more we know about you, the better we can match services to your needs and wishes.

A brief survey will be mailed to each Atkinson household around October 15th. Extra print copies will be available at the Library. However, the best way to take the survey is online at <https://kimballlibrary.com/>. Whether or not you currently use the Library, please use the survey to let us know what you think of the Kimball Library today and what you would like it to become in the future.

Thank you for your time and input! As a token of our appreciation, the Friends of the Library will give each respondent a wonderful library tote bag while supplies last.

### ADULT PROGRAMS/EVENTS

#### **Crafting a Fall Wreath with Cathie and Lois ~ Monday, 10/3/2022 @ 6 PM**

We will be using a "bicycle wheel wreath" and decorate it with leaves, berries, burlap and other adornments for create a festive fall wreath. Please visit the circulation desk to register today. \*This craft involves using a hot glue gun. We have several to share but to save time, please feel free to bring your own hot glue gun and glue. A non-refundable materials fee of \$15.00 must be paid at time of registration. Stop by the Library to register. For more information visit: <https://kimballlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/crafting-a-fall-wreath-with-cathie-and-lois-register/>

#### **Movie: Where the Crawdads Sings ~ Tuesday, 10/4/2022@ 1PM**

Tells the story of Kya, an abandoned girl who raised herself to adulthood in the dangerous marshlands of North Carolina becomes a suspect in the murder of a man.

#### **The Legendary Boston Music Scene ~ Thursday, 10/6/2022 @ 6 PM**

for under \$5 dollars. The owners of the Boston Tea Party venue also owned WBCN FM, Boston's first radio station featuring album rock. The Tea Party operated for three years and attracted such acts as: The Grateful Dead, Chicago, Neil Young, the J. Geils band, Frank Zappa, Pink Floyd, Cream, Fleetwood Mac, the Allman Brothers band, Joe Cocker & the Grease Band, Led Zeppelin and the Who. Register here:

<https://kimballlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/remembering-the-legendary-boston-music-scene/>

**King Charles III -- The Royal Ghostbuster with U.K. Ghost Hunter Steve Parsons (ZOOM) ~ Thursday, 10/6/2022 @ 7 PM via ZOOM**

As Great Britain and the Commonwealth welcomes King Charles III, we'll examine some of the stories that have circulated about his fascination for ghosts. His interest may point to a much deeper interest in the paranormal and the mystical within the Royal Family, going back to the reign of Queen Victoria. Led by Steve Parsons, investigator of ghosts, poltergeists, haunted houses and related phenomena and acknowledged by his peers and leading academic parapsychologists to be one the best investigators in the UK. Register online to receive a ZOOM link or visit

<https://kimballlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/king-charles-iii-the-royal-ghostbuster-with-u-k-ghost-hunter-steve-parsons-zoom/>

**History and Mystery: A Genealogy Starter Guide ~ Friday, 10/7/2022 @ 10 AM**

Are you interested in family history? Join us as Erin E. Moulton discuss methods for research planning that will make you an active participant in your own ancestral journey. Erin is the author of Flutter, Tracing Stars, Chasing the Milky Way and Keepers of the Labyrinth. Registration is required. Call or visit:

<https://kimballlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/history-and-mystery-a-genealogy-starter-guide/>

**Photography Course with Eva McDermott, starting Friday, 10/14/2022. @ 10 AM.**

Sign up for this four-week session program designed to help you build your confidence in creating and capturing great photographic images using a DSLR or advanced mirrorless camera. Registration is required. Call or

visit <https://kimballlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/photography-course-with-eva-mcdermott-registration-required-10-30-starting-friday-october-14th-2/>

**YOUTH PROGRAMS/EVENTS**

asking. We serve candy and the coolest conversation. Register yourself and your bestie.

Register: <https://kimballlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/t-ween-book-discussion-10/>

Homework Club (Gr. 1-5) Thursdays @ 3:15 PM

Kids in grades 1-5 are invited to come to the Library to study with us. We will work on our homework until 3:45 and then open up the Craft Barn for some STEAM toy fun!

Register: <https://kimballlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/homework-club/>

### **Saturday STEAM (Gr. K-3) October 8 @ 10:30 AM**

This month we will be: Monster Slime!

Make your own ooey, gooey slime! We'll make the slime base together and then you can mix in whatever extra ingredients you want. We'll have food coloring, glitter, google-y eyes, and other things to mix into your creation, so make it come ALIVE!

Register: <https://kimballlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/saturday-steam-gr-k-3-4/>

### **Mother Goose (Babies-3) Mondays @ 10:15 AM**

Infants through age 3 with their caregivers are invited to join us for simple stories, rhymes, finger plays, and songs modeling after the Mother Goose curriculum.

Register: <https://kimballlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/mother-goose-babies-to-age-3-56/>

### **Kindergarten Club (Ages 5-6) Mondays @ 3:30 PM**

Kindergarten Club is back on a new day! Kids ages 5-6 can join us for games, books, and maybe an experiment or 2!

Register: <https://kimballlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/kindergarten-club-ages-5-6/>

### **Bitty Books (Ages 3-6) Tuesdays @ 10:15 AM**

Children ages 3-6 with their caregivers are invited to join us for itty bitty stories, rhymes, finger plays or songs and simple crafts.

Register: <https://kimballlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/bitty-books-ages-3-to-6/>

### **Discovery Storytime (Ages 3-6) Wednesdays @ 1 PM**

PreK friends ages 3-6 (and their caregivers) are encouraged to join us for some tactile fun, stories, finger plays or actions songs, and crafts.

Register: <https://kimballlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/discovery-storytime-ages-3-6-2/>

Join us for one story, followed by an opportunity to play with sensory and art activities that reinforce what was heard in the story!

Register: <https://kimballlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/sensory-storytime-ages-3-4/>

### **Interactive Movie Night (T/weens) Wednesday, October 26 @ 6PM**

We have the props, the scripts, the movie, the big screen and candy! Just bring your T/weenage self and a friend and get ready for a wicked fun night watching Hocus Pocus.

Register: <https://kimballlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/interactive-movie-night-hocus-pocus/>

When three outlandishly wild witches are accidentally conjured up by pranksters, they return from 17th century Salem and set out to cast a spell on the town, but first they must outwit three kids and a talking cat. Rating: PG Runtime: 96 min

## **RECREATION NEWS**

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

All these programs require pre-registration and payment will be due upon registration. Tickets are non-refundable unless we can replace your seats. Please contact the Recreation Office at 603-362-1098 or [commrec@atkinson-nh.gov](mailto:commrec@atkinson-nh.gov) for more information or to register. You can also register and pay online at <https://atkinson.recdesk.com/>. For your convenience, please create your Atkinson Recreation RecDesk portal account for future registration. We accept cash, check (Payable to Town of Atkinson Recreation), and credit card (visa, MC with 2.79% service fee). Payment is due upon registration.

### **Foliage Trip - Castle in the Clouds and Hart's Turkey Farm: Thursday, October 13th**

This trip is SOLD OUT. it is in collaboration with Plaistow and Sandown Recreation Departments. For residents who signed up for this trip, our deluxe coach bus is scheduled to leave the Atkinson Community Center (4 Main Street Atkinson NH) at 8:00 AM, so please arrive by 7:50 AM and we will return to the Community Center at approximately 6:00 PM.

### **Senior Harvest Luncheon: Wednesday, November 2nd (TENTATIVE DATE)**

Join us for a turkey dinner, desserts, coffee / tea, and entertainment. For the accurate information, please visit Atkinson Recreation RecDesk page <https://atkinson.recdesk.com/Community/Program> and check the local paper for



required for limited seats. Pick up will also be available for those who are unable or uncomfortable to gather indoors with large crowds due to underlying medical conditions. Please contact the Recreation Office at 603-362-1098 or [commrec@atkinson-nh.gov](mailto:commrec@atkinson-nh.gov) with any questions.

### **Free children's Halloween Crafts / Coloring Kits**

Crafts and coloring kits are available at the Community Center and will be ready for pick up any time after October 17th during regular office hours (Monday through Friday between 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM).

## **WEEKLY WELLNESS PROGRAMS**

Please contact Atkinson's Recreation office at 603-362-1098 or [commrec@atkinson-nh.gov](mailto: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>.

### **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 or 23rd Classes)**

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. 25 classes \$175 (\$10 per class). Contact Arline Descheneau at 603-401-1514 or [Arline.Descheneau@comcast.net](mailto:Arline.Descheneau@comcast.net) to register.

### **Yoga: Thursday Mornings**

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

### **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](mailto: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 ten (10) routines of Temple Exercise.

**November 8th).**

Atkinson residents must pay \$70 for a full session or \$9 per class. Non-residents must pay \$90 for a full session or \$12 per class. Full session payment is due upon registration. No refunds are available except for in the case of medical emergency. Register online at [https:// atkinson.recdesk.com/Community/Program](https://atkinson.recdesk.com/Community/Program)

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

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

*Please contact Atkinson's Recreation office at 603-362-1098 or [commrec@atkinson-nh.gov](mailto: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>*

**ELDER SERVICES NEWS**

THANK YOU! We sincerely appreciate all the residents' contribution and support for our Annual Fundraiser Drive. Your donations will go back into our department to support the following programs:

- Senior Transportation Service
- Medical Assistive Equipment
- Library Homebound Program
- Referral to Veteran Administration Services
- Referral to Community Resources
- Work Collaboratively with Atkinson Recreation Department

Are you a resident that utilizes Elder Services Transportation? If yes, please consider providing your emergency contact information to us. We have a form for that. Call the office, 603-362-9582, or the [Elder Services Department](#) page on the Town website.

**COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS****DONATION BINS**

There are three donation bins at the Community Center parking area. Accepted donations

donations will help the Atkinson Women's Civic Club's charitable funding and keep our environment cleaner.

## RENTAL INFORMATION

Residents can rent out our Banquet room for their special gathering at a reasonable price. Please check out our rental application for policy and guidelines [https://www.town-atkinsonnh.com/sites/g/files/vyhlf8101/f/uploads/community\\_center\\_rental\\_application.pdf](https://www.town-atkinsonnh.com/sites/g/files/vyhlf8101/f/uploads/community_center_rental_application.pdf)

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