

A quarterly publication for the residents of
Newfields, New Hampshire

Community Newsletter

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Newfields Remembers

To commemorate Memorial Day, the Newfields Celebration Committee, along with the Town Hall, Police and Fire Departments, honored local veterans and remembered those we've lost with a mini-parade through all Newfields neighborhoods, placing signs on veterans' lawns and delivering meals to senior veterans' houses.



Plants Aplenty

NEWFIELDS GARDEN CLUB

The Newfields Garden Club held a very successful annual plant sale, the proceeds of which fund town garden projects and educational presentations. Projects this year include the Battles Monument spruce-up, located on the north corner of Main and Summer streets and the wildflower garden on the south corner of Main and Summer streets. Several times a year, the garden club provides seasonal interest by potting up blooms at the town hall, library, post office, and other points of interest around town. These activities are supported by the funds raised from the plant sale.



#FrontStepsProject

NEWFIELDS YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



Photographer and Newfields resident Jennie Bishop raised more than \$3500 for the NYAA by photographing 75 families outside their homes in May. The funds will help to offset the cost of field maintenance this spring/summer.

Jack's Parade

More than 100 cars lined the streets in April to help celebrate Newfields resident, Jack Winter's last day of chemotherapy.



Like so many across the country, Newfields resident Cathi Frakes is taking advantage of this time to beautify her home. She recently completed "stage three" of her garden and is looking forward to what the future stages will bring!



A Note from the Newfields Health Officer

Newfields Friends and Neighbors,

It certainly has been an eventful few months since my last update, and I hope that everyone in town is staying safe and healthy. Each of us has been affected by this novel coronavirus, whether it has been through personal illness, loss of a loved one, or the serious financial impact it has wreaked on our society. I have had the opportunity to speak with many of you on our weekly remote Q&A sessions about questions and concerns you have raised, and I am looking forward to meeting many more folks over the coming months.



I applaud the efforts of our town's administrators and officials to keep local government operational while also ensuring the safety of its residents. The Town Office, Newfields Police and Fire Departments, the Select Board and Paul Memorial Library have all done their part to ensure social distancing and prevent spread of disease. At this point in our community's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are now navigating how best to re-emerge from "stay-at-home" into a "new normal."

We are faced daily with difficult questions about visiting family, gathering with friends and wearing a mask. The answers to these and many other questions are nuanced and depend on many factors. Hopefully over the next few months we will be able to begin spending more time with others, slowly and thoughtfully expanding our circles, while keeping our community safe and healthy.

Again, I invite everyone in town to join me on our COVID-19 Q&A sessions now held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7pm.

Newfields COVID-19 Bi-Weekly Q&A Session, Wednesday 7-8pm:

Meeting URL: <https://unh.zoom.us/j/757772625>

iPhone one-tap: 1-646-876-9923, 757772625# or 1-669-900-6833, 757772625#

Telephone: 1-646-876-9923 (US Toll) Meeting ID: 757 772 625

Be well, and see you around town.

Sincerely,

Bobby Kelly, MD, MPH

Newfields Health Officer

Reliable Resources

For questions or concerns about a business in a municipality other than Newfields, contact that municipality's Health Officer for more information: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/holu/documents/officers.pdf>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/index.html>

NH Department of Health and Human Services: <https://www.nh.gov/covid19/>

CDC YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/CDCStreamingHealth>

SAU16 COVID-19 Updates Website: <https://sites.google.com/sau16.org/sau-16-covid-19-resources/home>

Curbside Pickup is Now Available!

The Library is now offering contact-less curbside pickup for Paul Memorial Library cardholders, Monday through Saturday, 9am to 1pm.

This is how it works:

- Place a request on up to 6 items by using the library's online catalog: <https://paulmemorial.biblionix.com/catalog/>. If you don't feel comfortable using the online catalog, the library staff is happy to help you over the phone.
- You will get a call when your item(s) is ready for pickup.
- Before you leave the house for the library, or when you arrive, call 778-8169. Your item(s) will be checked out to you and placed in a labeled bag on a table outside at the front entrance for you to retrieve.
- When you arrive, go to the table to pick up your items.
- Read, enjoy, and return materials in the outdoor book drop at your convenience. (If the book drop is full, please try again another time. Please do not leave returns at the door or pickup table location.)

If you have questions or don't know your library card number and/or password, email newpl@comcast.net or call 778-8169 for assistance.

Drive-In Movies at the Library



The Library will be offering free drive-in movies, starting in June. Get together safely as a community and enjoy family-friendly movies! Thank you to Friends of the Newfields Public Library for making these events possible. For more information, visit www.paulmemoriallibrary.org.

Summer Take-Home Crafts

In lieu of in-person craft programming, the Library will be offering weekly take-home craft kits for families to enjoy this summer. Each kit will include instructions and basic materials required to assemble the craft. (You will have to have some of your own materials, like glue and scissors.) Kits will be assembled weekly. Sign up at www.paulmemoriallibrary.org or email newpl@comcast.net.



Updates from Town Hall

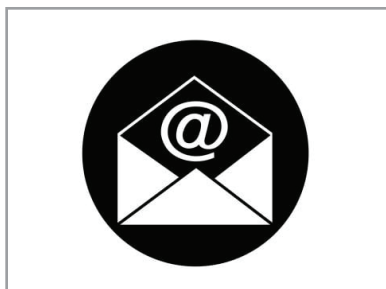
- The Summer Solstice and Newfields 5K Road Race have been cancelled.
- Fall Cleanup has been scheduled for October 17, 2020 from 8 am to 12 pm at the Wastewater Treatment Plant at 6 Hervey Court.
- Beginning June 1, the Town Office will be open to the public. One person will be allowed in at a time. The door will be locked, so knock upon arrival. All persons entering must wear a face mask, per CDC guidelines.
- The last day to change party affiliation prior to the September 8, 2020 state primary was Tuesday, June 2. A list is posted at the Post Office and Town Hall if you wish to check your party affiliation.
- To register a car or a dog, call the Town Office at 772-5070 to make an appointment. As of June 1, late fees will be charged for dog licenses.
- Property tax bills were mailed May 14 and are due July 1, 2020.
- Town Office summer hours will begin the week of June 1:
Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 2:30 pm and Tuesday evenings 6 - 8 pm. The Town Office will be closed Fridays from June 5th to September 18th.



Town-Wide Email

Do you receive the Newfields Town-Wide email newsletter? Newfields Town Hall sends out a monthly newsletter via email the first week of the month. In between, Town Hall also emails important announcements.

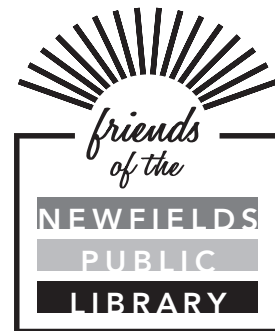
If you would like to be added to the email newsletter list, please contact Sue McKinnon, Town Clerk at suemckinnon@newfieldsnh.gov.



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For a minimum donation of \$25, a membership to the Friends of the Newfields Public Library is a wonderful gesture to the Library. Use the form on the back page of this newsletter or stop by the Library. And if you make an additional \$10 donation, you will get a Friends canvas tote bag as a thank you gift! All memberships and donations are fully tax-deductible.



Congratulations, NES Fifth Graders!

These outstanding Newfields Elementary School students have shown a great deal of courage and determination in completing their school year. Despite having lost many opportunities for celebrating the end of their school careers at Newfields, the fifth graders have continued to work hard and persevere under these strange circumstances.

The students' class gift will be a complete makeover of the Newfields Elementary School sign in our school's front yard.



Newfields Elementary School, Grade 5B - Ms. Rosenbleeth, 2019 - 2020

On behalf of the Newfields School Community, please know our entire NES staff deeply appreciates you and wishes you well in the future.

We are hopeful that a Celebration of your "stepping up" to grade 6 at CMS can be held in August. Stay tuned!

- Principal David Foster



Newfields Parent Teacher Organization

The PTO sends huge congratulations to the graduating 5th graders who will be moving on to middle school.

In July, the PTO will be welcoming incoming principal Susie Griffith. Details forthcoming.



2020 Friends Events

The Friends of the Newfields Public Library enjoys holding bake sales on election days and the town-wide yard sale each Fall. Friends will update the entire community as to whether or not these events will be held in 2020 as soon as possible. Please be sure to check Facebook, the Library website and sign up for the Friends email newsletter for up-to-date details.

Message to Newfields Graduates



Governor Chris Sununu

Congratulations on your recent graduation!

Although the end of your school career looks different than you imagined, graduation is an important milestone and one to celebrate. Years of hard work and dedication have paid off, and you should be proud of all your wonderful achievements.

You have successfully navigated the challenges presented to you and though it may not have been easy, you persevered. As you take all that you have learned over the years and pursue new opportunities, know that you have a bright future ahead of you. I hope you will reflect upon the memories you made with your friends and classmates, and look forward to creating new ones.

Again, congratulations! I wish you the best of luck as you enter the next chapter of your life.

Sincerely, Governor Chris Sununu



Senator Maggie Hassan

Congratulations, Newfields graduates!

You have invested your time, energy, and talent into your education and your future, and you should be proud of what you have accomplished.

I know that the COVID-19 pandemic changed the end of your school experience, but I hope that you have found ways to celebrate this milestone with your loved ones. I also hope that, one day, you look back at the way you grappled with these unprecedented times and remember that you are strong and resilient.

You should be proud of your accomplishments, and I wish you the very best in your future endeavors.

Senator Maggie Hassan

Alex Belanger

Exeter High School

Alex is a member of the National Honor Society and a NH Scholar with a STEM focus. He also attended the Seacoast School of Technology for pre-engineering. Alex plans to pursue electrical engineering and computer sciences in the fall at UNH.



Maddie Bourgeault

Exeter High School

We are incredibly proud of our 2020 Senior, Maddi Bourgeault. From the time she was a child, her kindness and gift of compassionate care for others was obvious. She excelled at the Seacoast School of Technology Health Science Technologies program, earning membership in the National Technical Honor Society. Next fall, she will be pursuing a nursing degree at Husson University.



Maggie Boyle

Exeter High School

Maggie will be attending Dean College in Franklin, MA in the fall and has been accepted into the Joan Phelps Palladino School of Dance.



Hannah Conner

Exeter High School

Congratulations Hannah we are very proud of you! Good luck studying nursing at Colby-Sawyer College in the fall.



Lucas Currier

Exeter High School

Lucas' educational pursuits have primarily focused around technology, and during the past two years, has attended the Seacoast School of Technology studying Digital Media Arts, which is the field he is going to pursue next year when he attends Great Bay Community College.



Tommy Daly

Coe-Brown Northwood Academy

Tom Daly graduated with Honors from Coe-Brown Northwood Academy. Tom was recognized as a NH Scholar, NH Scholar Athlete, NH STEM Scholar, and NH 3-Sport Athlete. Tom played Varsity Soccer, Basketball, Baseball and Football and was on the NHSA All Scholastic Soccer Team. Tom plans to attend UNH in the fall studying business and biology on a pre-med track.



Richard Davis

Exeter High School

Richard, we are so proud that you will continue to develop at Phillips Exeter Academy during a post-graduate year. Have faith that doors will continue to open because people like you who are smart, dedicated, and persistent design and sculpt their futures for success. Just remember that how you define, and sometimes re-define, success is the key to happiness. Go out there and find what truly will make you happy!



Samantha DuBois

Exeter High School

Sammy is heading off to warmer weather and sunshine this fall at Florida Southern College. She plans to study Psychology and Criminal Justice and join the dance team. Sammy is currently taking an EMT Certification Course to explore her interest in the medical field. We are incredibly proud of the young woman she has become and can't wait to see what her next adventure brings!



Clarissa Gowing

Exeter High School

Since discovering a love of language in her last year at Newfields Elementary School, Clarissa has wanted to work in publishing – writing and editing. We are very proud of her passion, drive and determination. Her story unfolds as she attends the University of New Hampshire.



Brady Ludwig

Exeter High School

Brady Ludwig is the third generation to grow up in Newfields, attend Newfields Elementary and Graduate from Exeter High School. His curiosity and love of cars is bringing him to Great Bay Community College to study the automotive field. His family is very proud of him and look forward to watching him grow on his journey ahead.



Madison Machado

Phillips Exeter Academy

Madison Machado is graduating from Phillips Exeter Academy with highest honors, where she also competed as a three-sport varsity captain. Maddie will be attending Princeton in the fall. She is interested in biology, physics, and history.



Laura Mustard

Exeter High School

We are very proud of you and look forward to all that you will accomplish in college and beyond. Your family loves you very much! We can't wait to see you thrive in brighter days ahead at the University of New Hampshire.



Katie Nicholson

Exeter High School

Katie will be attending Fairfield University. We couldn't be prouder of all that you've accomplished and for everything going forward. 'Fortune Favors the Bold' and you will go far. Love Mom & Dad



Caden Vitti

Exeter High School

We are so proud of Caden and his accomplishments! He was named Valedictorian of the Exeter High Class of 2020. He plans on attending The Schreyer Honors College at Penn State University and will be studying Energy Engineering and Spanish. Here's to the next great chapter!!



Sydney Ward

Exeter High School

Sydney graduated as salutatorian of the Exeter High School class of 2020. She's heading out to California to study at UCLA. We'll all miss her, and are so proud of everything she's accomplished.



Sophia Williams

Exeter High School

Sophie was involved with the National Honor Society, French Honor Society, Special Olympics, volleyball team, hawk crew and the Health Science Technologies program at SST. She completed an Internship at a nursing home and works as a dietary aide at Exeter Hospital. This fall she will study nursing at Endicott College.



Jack Arend

Bates College

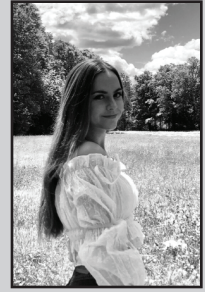
Jack graduated from Bates College with a BA in Psychology and a minor in Religious Studies. He will be heading to Nichols College for a two-year MBA, with a dual major in Organizational Leadership.



Mia Donati

Granite State College

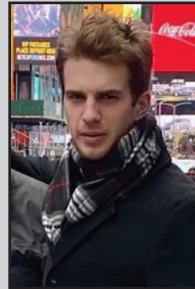
After EHS, Mia completed one full-time semester at New England College. Since then, she has been working full-time including one year as a certified daycare provider and two years as an assistant property manager. While working full time, she continued college at Great Bay and Granite State College. She is graduating from Granite State College, receiving her Associate of Science degree.



Cam Eddy

Keane State College

Cam Eddy graduated from Keene State College with a degree in Safety and Occupational Health. He recently started working for Amazon in Middleborough, MA as a Workplace Health and Safety Specialist.



Morgan Gray

University of New Hampshire

Morgan studied at the University of New Hampshire, graduating with a major in Classical Language and Literature. She was awarded the Malcolm and Virginia Smith Award, given to a graduating senior who demonstrated the most progress and growth academically in their field of study during their undergraduate years.



Samantha Henry

Endicott College

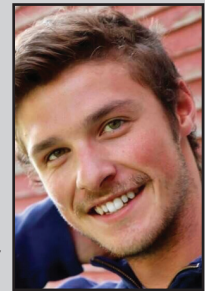
Samantha graduated from Endicott College in May, 2020 with a bachelor of science degree in Nursing. In August, she will start her new graduate position as a registered nurse in the Intensive Care Unit at Portsmouth Regional Hospital.



Hunter Smith

University of South Carolina

Hunter Smith Graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree from University of South Carolina. In the 3 years at USC he joined Theta Chi Fraternity, played club soccer and was a practice player on the women's soccer team. We are very proud of him and wish him the best of luck as he prepares to go on to medical school.



Maggie Stark

Clarkson University

Maggie graduated from Clarkson University in Potsdam NY with a Masters Degree in Interdisciplinary Sciences and Biotechnology. She will be heading to NY in July to begin her first year of Medical School. All her hard work and dedication to her studies have allowed her dreams of becoming a medical doctor, a reality! We are so Proud and Happy for You!!! We love you, Mom, Dad and JoJo



Rebecca Stevens

Merrimack College

Rebecca graduated with a BA in Criminal Justice from Merrimack College and is currently pursuing a Masters degree in Criminal Justice, also at Merrimack College. She was a 4-year varsity athlete and captain of the women's swim team. We are very proud of all her accomplishments.






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1. Find your library. The Paul Memorial Library is listed as Newfields: Newfields Public Library.

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Your support makes many things possible for Newfields residents, including:

- Special events and activities such as: Trivia Night, Baking Competitions, Family Game Night, Reading-program prizes, election day bake sales, and more.
- Monthly additions to the library's extensive DVD, book, and magazine collections.
- This newsletter sent to EVERY home and business in town!
- Passes to the: Seacoast Science Center (Rye); and Children's Museum of NH (Dover). *Let us know of any other museums you'd be interested in.*
- Resources and tools such as: a new cd/dvd disc-repair machine, telescope, computers and printers.

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