

# E. KINGSTON EDITION

*“It is December, and nobody asked if I was ready.” — Sarah Kay*



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## EKPL is seeking an alternate trustee!

*by Robert Minicucci, Chair, Board of Trustees*

We are looking for Alternate Trustees to join the EKPL Board of Trustees.

Are you a regular patron of the library? Are you grateful for what it offers and do you want to help make it better? We are searching for 1 or 2 alternates to join the Board of Trustees.

An Alternate Trustee is similar to an alternate on a jury. You can learn about the inner workings of the library and ensure your voice is heard. There is a minimal requirement of 2-3 hours a month and you would attend our regular Board meetings on the last Monday of the month (meetings generally run 1.5 hours).

If a Trustee is absent, then you step in to ensure the Board has quorum and you can vote, so we continue to move the work of the EKPL forward.

If you are interested, please email or call Robert Minicucci at [rminicucci@comcast.net](mailto:rminicucci@comcast.net) or (339-206-1722) to learn more.

# Town Clerk Update

The tax bills were mailed out on November 15th and are due to be paid by December 17th. If you have yet to receive yours, or have any questions, please contact Barbara or Judy at the Town Clerks office (603-642-8794).

# East Kingston School Board Meeting

by Jen Ranz, E.K. School Board member, and Kayla Moore, Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools.

The next School Board meeting for the East Kingston Elementary School will be on Wednesday, December 15th, at 4:30pm.

Also, our meetings are now live streamed on Blue Hawk Media's YouTube channel! The link is in the posted agendas ([www.youtube.com/c/BlueHawkMediaTV](http://www.youtube.com/c/BlueHawkMediaTV))

# East Kingston Edition

Town of East Kingston  
[www.eknh.org](http://www.eknh.org)

**Town Clerk & Tax Collector**  
(603) 642-8794  
Monday: 8am - 5pm  
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:  
8am - 2:30pm  
Wednesday: 6pm - 8pm

**Town Administration**  
(603) 642-8406  
Monday: 8am - 4pm  
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:  
8am - 2:30pm  
Wednesday: 10am - 2pm

**East Kingston Police**  
Emergency: 911  
Non-Emergency: (603) 642-5427


**East Kingston Fire**  
[ekfd.org](http://ekfd.org)  
Emergency: 911  
Non-Emergency: (603) 642-3141

**East Kingston Public Library**  
[eastkingstonlibrary.org](http://eastkingstonlibrary.org)  
(603) 642-8333  
[ekpublib@comcast.net](mailto:ekpublib@comcast.net)  
Monday & Wednesday:  
9am - 5pm  
Tuesday & Thursday:  
11am - 7pm  
Friday & Saturday:  
9am - 1pm

**E. Kingston Elementary School**  
(603) 642-3511  
EKES on the web: [eks.sau16.org](http://eks.sau16.org)  
SAU16 on the web: [sau16.org](http://sau16.org)

**Newsletter Deadlines**  
Submissions for the following month must be submitted by the 17th of each month. Send submissions to [newsletter@eastkingstonnh.gov](mailto:newsletter@eastkingstonnh.gov)

\*Please be aware that the pandemic may affect normal business hours. It may be best to call before attempting a visit.\*



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Director of Human Resources

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Associate Superintendent

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Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Assessment

MOLLIE O'KEEFE, MBA, MSF  
Executive Director of Finance and Operations


**NOTICE**

**EAST KINGSTON SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
Wednesday December 15, 2021 - 5:30 PM  
East Kingston Elementary School

In accordance with the health and safety guidelines approved by the East Kingston School Board on August 17, 2021, while the level of community COVID transmission in this public health region is at "substantial", all individuals over the age of 2 are required to wear proper masks and physically distance themselves while inside the building.

[LINK TO VIEW THE LIVESTREAM OF THE MEETING](#)

\*\* If you are unable to click the above link, type [www.youtube.com/BlueHawkMediaTV](http://www.youtube.com/BlueHawkMediaTV) into your web browser \*\*



Posted: 11/16/2021

David Ryan, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

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# Saving the Beautiful Ash Tree in our Cemetery

by the East Kingston Conservation Commission

The East Kingston Conservation Commission (EKCC) would like to update you on our activities as overseer of the town's \$5,000 Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) fund established in March 2019 by town warrant. To date, we've spent \$361 to treat the town's beautiful ash tree in Union Cemetery on South Road. We plan to treat the tree every two years to prevent the Emerald Ash Borer damage.



A summary of our activities follows:

1. In April 2019, EKCC engaged Rockingham County Forester Greg Jordan and Community Forestry Specialist Cory Keeffe (of the Division of Forests and Lands) to conduct an inventory and assessment of ash trees on town-owned properties in East Kingston. Both Greg and Cory are certified arborists as well.
2. On May 29, 2019, Greg Jordan, Cory and Dennis Quintal, EKCC chair, conducted a quick, visual assessment of roadside trees, as well as ash trees on East Kingston's town properties (town office, library, police department, public works, elementary school, Foss Wasson Field, Trickling Falls Dam, and all three cemeteries).
3. On June 13, 2019, EKCC received an ash inventory assessment report. You may read the report on our web page at [www.eknh.org/conservation-commission](http://www.eknh.org/conservation-commission) (scroll down to the Emerald Ash Borer Fund section).
4. We determined the town has one high-value ash tree in Union Cemetery on South Street. This tree is a good candidate to receive long-term systemic insecticide treatments to prevent EAB infection.
5. We shared the report's mulching and lawn maintenance recommendations with the Cemetery Committee
6. We secured bids from vendors to apply the insecticide and selected Seacoast Tree Care, LLC.
7. In spring of both 2020 and 2021, we reassessed the tree's health and determined it is healthy (no serious crown die-back or blanding)
8. Seacoast Tree Care, LLC treated the ash for Emerald Ash Borer via trunk injections on July 23, 2021. Cost: \$361.00

Conservation Commission meeting minutes, wildlife maps and more are at [www.eknh.org/conservation-commission](http://www.eknh.org/conservation-commission). Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. Contact one of us in person or email us at [EKconservation@gmail.com](mailto:EKconservation@gmail.com).

## The Giving Tree

by Tracy Waldron, Library Director

It's that time of year again. Here at the library we have put our Giving Tree up early, as dates are moved up a bit. We have gift tags for 15 East Kingston kids and 15 home-bound seniors living in Rockingham County this year. We partner with the East Kingston Elementary School nurse and Rockingham Nutrition & Meals on Wheels to generate our tags.

*From Rockingham County Meals on Wheels:*

"I know how generous you have all been in past years and we are truly grateful for that. Due to storage restrictions we will need to limit gifts to one bag per person no larger than a Michaels/ TJ Maxx/ Home Goods/ Grocery store reusable bag size (roughly 20in x 17in) or other comparable sized gift bag.

Don't feel comfortable shopping or delivering a gift? We will be accepting gift cards mailed to our main office or monetary donations made via PayPal as well." Please contact CFI-Specialist@RNMOW.org with any questions.

If you don't feel like taking a tag, you can always pickup any of the things on Santa's Wish List and Rockingham Meals on Wheels will match it with those who need it. You can view the "Santa Wish List" at the library or on our website at [www.eastkingstonlibrary.org](http://www.eastkingstonlibrary.org).

**Gifts are due back at the library on December 10.**

*East Kingston Families:*

The gift tags for the East Kingston children are compiled by the E.K. school nurse and E.K. resident, Pat Mazur. The tags are as follows: one tag per child for clothing, one tag per child for a toy, and one tag per family for a gift card to the grocery store for Christmas dinner.

We'd like to extend our thanks to Pat Mazur for her continued work to make Christmas special for children in East Kingston!

**The gifts for the kids are due back on December 17th.**

Thanks for making Christmas brighter!

## Friends of EKPL News

by FoEKPL

### 2022 Membership Drive in full swing!

We kicked off our 2022 Friends Membership Drive at the end of November. This is our most important fundraising period. The support we receive during this drive allows us to budget and plan for the year ahead with confidence that we can continue to support the library's ability to offer the kinds of programming and opportunities that we hope helps to enrich the lives of our community.

If you do not receive an email or letter from us regarding the drive, please reach out at the email below, or inquire at the library!

### Quilt Raffle

The Friends quilt raffle is going on! The beautiful quilt, made by local Diane Sheckells, is currently on display in the library by the front door and comes with a matching accent pillow. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for 6 tickets.

### New Computer

Make sure to stop by the library and check out the new PC computer with Microsoft Office software! We are so grateful our group was able to purchase this for the library, up & running for anyone to use!

If you have any questions, please email the Friends at [friendsofekpl@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofekpl@gmail.com).

As always, thank you for your support!



## Important Dates

- **December 13th @ 6:30pm - Selectmen's Meeting**
  - In-Person with Zoom Option. Meetings will be held at the Town offices. The agenda, Zoom link, and more can be found on [eknh.org/selectmen](http://eknh.org/selectmen).
- **December 13th @ 5:00pm - East Kingston Conservation Commission**
  - In-Person with Zoom Option. Meeting will be held at the town offices. More information can be found at [eknh.org/conservation-commission](http://eknh.org/conservation-commission).
- **December 15th @ 5:30pm - E.K. School Board Meeting**
  - In-Person with Zoom Option. Meetings will be held at the East Kingston Elementary School. The Agenda, Zoom link and more can be found at [www.sau16.org/en-US/board-info-ceedbec/east-kingston-a080f4ca](http://www.sau16.org/en-US/board-info-ceedbec/east-kingston-a080f4ca).
- **December 16th @ 7:00pm - Planning Board Meeting**
  - In-Person at the Pound School. Visit [eknh.org/planning-board](http://eknh.org/planning-board) for more.
- **December 20th @ 7:00pm - EK Historical Society Meeting**
  - In-Person at the Town Offices or the Pound School. Email [EKhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:EKhistoricalsociety@gmail.com) for more.
- **December 29th @ 6:30pm - Selectmen's Meeting**
  - In-Person with Zoom Option. Meetings will be held at the Town offices. The agenda, Zoom link, and more can be found on [eknh.org/selectmen](http://eknh.org/selectmen).

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## Happy Holidays from us to you!

As we close out the 2021 year, we'd like to thank all those who have supported the revitalization of the town newsletter. Without that support, we wouldn't be able to accomplish half of what we've done.

Here's to a bigger and better 2022!

- EK Edition Volunteers