

# E. KINGSTON EDITION

"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers" -L.M. Montgomery



Pictures taken by Jennifer Dervan

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## A Change In Numbers

by Zoe Sucu, Library Staff

Reminder: On October 24, 2021, callers in New Hampshire will be required to dial the 3-digit area code, 603, when making local calls. This change is to help prepare for July 2022 and the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 988. Why? "988" happens to be the area code or local exchange in many states, including New Hampshire.

Just as someone in need can call "911" for help, as of July 16, 2022, those in crisis can now dial "988" and be connected to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline immediately. The current number is 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255).

Please remember to change all programmed speed dials on home and business systems, as well as contacts in mobile devices. Each phone number should be 10 digits, which includes the "603" area code for New Hampshire numbers.

## Pound School Committee

by Tracy Waldron, Library Director

We have put together a Pound School Committee to evaluate the building and develop a maintenance plan for the coming years. We do not want that building to fall into disrepair.

If you are interested in joining us please contact Tracy at [directoreastkingston@gmail.com](mailto:directoreastkingston@gmail.com) or call her at [642-8333](tel:6036428333).

## Friends of the Library Update

by FoEKPL

### 3rd Quarter Friends of East Kingston Public Library Meeting – Thursday October 28th @ 7pm

The next Friends of East Kingston Public Library Quarterly Meeting will take place on Thursday October 28th at the East Kingston Public Library. We will also provide a link the week before for those who would like to participate virtually. Please mark your calendars - we would love to have you join us!

### Quilt Raffle

The Friends have restarted their quilt raffle! 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.

### Pound School Used Book Store

Visit us at the Used Book Store, located at 41 Depot Road, East Kingston, NH. All proceeds go directly to the Friends of the East Kingston Public Library.

We are staffed by local volunteers; if anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact the library!

### Etc.

Bookmark our website to stay informed of our activities, including our Used Book Store sales.

[www.eastkingstonlibrary.org/friends-of-ekpl](http://www.eastkingstonlibrary.org/friends-of-ekpl)

If you have any questions or would like to become a member, please email the Friends at [friendsofekpl@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofekpl@gmail.com).

## 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

\*By Appointment\*

### 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 - 3pm

Tuesday & Thursday:

3pm - 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.\*

## FALL eWASTE/WHITE GOODS STICKER SALES

by the Solid Waste Removal & Recycle Committee

The Town of East Kingston will have its eWaste/White Goods pickup on October 18, 2021. Due to the COVID-19 Delta Variant, the process has changed from that stated in the 2021-2022 Waste Management Flyer.

**The sticker sales for the eWaste/White Goods will take place in the Town Offices parking lot Saturday, October 9, 2021 from 10 AM to 1 PM.**

In the event of rain, the sales will take place in the Town Offices 2nd floor hallway.

Stickers may be purchased with either cash or check for \$20 each. No credit cards will be accepted. Items to be picked up must have a visible sticker attached or it will not be picked up. See the Waste Management Flyer you received for other details.

Call Waste Management with the sticker number(s) **the week prior and week of the collection** to notify them what white goods or electronic waste will be placed at the curb. See the Waste Management Flyer you received for other details.

Waste Management (800) 972-4545. **NO CALL WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15TH @ 2 PM.**

In the event you are unable to make this date and time, contact the Selectmen's Office at 642-8406 Option 1 or the Town Clerks Office Option 2 to schedule a day and time for pick up. You may send someone from your household, with a valid ID, to pick up and purchase your stickers.

**\*\*eWaste = Electronic Waste\*\***



## East Kingston Historical Society Update

by the EK Historical Society

The East Kingston Historical Society has recently started meeting in person again, post-COVID.

Our mission is "**to promote a community dedicated to protecting and preserving our heritage for generations to come.**" We are welcoming new members!

We typically meet at the Pound School or the old Town Hall on the third Monday of every month at 7pm. Any changes to scheduling or location will be posted on our Facebook page or sent out via email. For more information or if you'd like to be added to our email list, please send an email to [EKhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:EKhistoricalsociety@gmail.com). We look forward to meeting you!

## Magazines to go!

by Tracy Waldron, Library Director

Are magazines cluttering your living room? Did you know that you can check out magazines at the library? Instead of buying a monthly subscription to your favorite magazine, check the library! You can also download them along with ebooks and audiobooks at Overdrive with the Libby App. Here at the library we have about 25 different magazines to choose from. On Libby there are hundreds. All you need is your library card number to download the Libby app and set up an account!

## EK School Board Update

by Jen Ranz, School Board Member

### Upcoming Meetings:

October 13 at 5:30 p.m.  
November 10 at 3:45 p.m.  
December 8 at 5:30 p.m.



All meetings will be held live and in person at EKES in the multipurpose room. We will make every effort to have a zoom option (for viewing only) and that link will be posted each month along with the meeting agenda when available. As always, any community members can feel free to email input or questions to Board members at any time: [jranz@sau16.org](mailto:jranz@sau16.org), [mlyons@sau16.org](mailto:mlyons@sau16.org), [aherum@sau16.org](mailto:aherum@sau16.org).

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## Alternative Trustees

by Robert Minicucci, EKPL Board of Trustees Chair

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) (339-206-1722) to learn more.

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## TASC Volunteer Drivers Make a Difference One Ride at a Time!

by Carol Gulla, TASC Executive Director

Imagine for a moment that you could no longer drive—ever! Your friends all work; your family lives far away. How would you go anywhere? This is not imaginary for many of your East Kingston neighbors; this is their everyday reality. Advancing age, health challenges, or disabilities conspire to keep them off the road. Fortunately, you can help make their lives a bit easier by volunteering for TASC. For nearly 15 years, Transportation Assistance for Seacoast Citizens (TASC) has been helping people maintain their health, independence, and dignity by mobilizing volunteer drivers.

Driving for TASC is a great way to lend a helping hand and meet new people. It's easy to fit into your schedule. Each week volunteer drivers choose the rides they can provide making it perfect for busy people who think they don't have time to volunteer. To learn more, give me, Carol Gulla, a call at (603) 926-9026, send me an email at [coordinator@tasc-rides.org](mailto:coordinator@tasc-rides.org) or visit our website, [www.tasc-rides.org](http://www.tasc-rides.org). We'd love to have you come along for the ride!

Use the same contact information if you need help with transportation.

# A Bounty of Farms & Pastures in East Kingston

by the East Kingston Conservation Commission

Our rural character in East Kingston is a major contributor to quality of life. Our farm and pasture lands contribute significantly to this character. Much of our farmland—such as the expansive fields of **the Bodwell Farms**; the horses, stables, and pastures of **Turning Point** and **Kenridge Farms**; and the well-known **Monahan Farm** where the public can pick their own fruits and vegetables in season—are visible from the road.

Monahan Farm is a berry and vegetable farm in East Kingston which will continue to be farmed and a local source of food, thanks to a conservation effort with the Southeast Land Trust of NH (SELT).

More hidden from view but equally important and beautiful are such properties as the 169-acre **Kingswood Farm**, an elite equine boarding and training facility, or **the Hidden Hollow Farm** where Dennis Perkins Sr. boards horses, raises livestock and hays many of our fields.

Up the quiet Sanborn Road is the **Smith Farm** where fruits and vegetables are sold.

Off Giles Road, Dr. Marston and his wife Debbie run the **Ilneva Farm** (pronounced “he’ll never” have a farm!) where they raise livestock. In a recent count they had 60 goats, 8 pigs, 45 sheep, 25 cows and 18 equines. In addition to having run the farm for over 40 years and being the town’s animal officer, Dr. Marston also serves on the East Kingston Town Planning Board (member since 1975).

**Richard Gordon** has 3 acres of blueberry bushes off Burnt Swamp Road.

Some farm properties are smaller in size and may be found by spotting a farm stand or sign while driving around East Kingston. In fact, if you drive west on Depot Road from Monahan’s you will see signs and stands for blueberries, eggs, honey, vegetables and rabbits!

**Bonnie McLaughlin** has been raising rabbits for over 40 years (she may have up to 200 of them at a given time) and has additionally been very active in 4-H programs.

East Kingston also has other agricultural activities, such as the **Windcrest Farm** (Christmas trees) and the **Willow Sugar House** (Maple Syrup). Julie Ostopchuk sells botanical products via **Pisces Naturals**; many of the herbs used in Julie’s products are grown on her organic farm, or are sustainably wild-harvested. Julie has studied herbalism for 30 years and is an active member of the East Kingston Conservation Commission.

There are more... A number of agricultural businesses may have websites – others may require a bit of digging (pun intended?). Some former or existing businesses may have modified their public facing methods due to Covid-19. We should continue to support these valuable businesses...get out there and check ‘em out!

*Note: This information was gathered for the East Kingston Natural Resources Inventory (NRI), a report in process by the East Kingston Conservation Commission to aid the Planning Board in master planning efforts.*



Photos by Gordon Powers

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# Important Dates

- **October 4th @ 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).
- **October 13th @ 5:30pm - EK 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)
- **October 18th @ 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).
- **October 18th @ 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.
- **October 20th @ 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).
- **October 21st @ 7:00pm - Planning Board Meeting**
  - In-Person at the Pound School. Visit [eknh.org/planning-board](http://eknh.org/planning-board) for more.
- **October 21st @ 7:00pm - Friends of the East Kingston Public Library**
  - In-Person with Zoom Option. Meetings will be held at the East Kingston Public Library. Visit [eastkingstonlibrary.org/friends-of-ekpl](http://eastkingstonlibrary.org/friends-of-ekpl) for more.
- **October 25th @ 7:00pm - EKPL Board of Trustees Meeting**
  - In-Person with Zoom Option. Meetings will be held at the East Kingston Public Library. Visit [eastkingstonlibrary.org](http://eastkingstonlibrary.org) for more information.