

# E. KINGSTON EDITION

Winter's done, and April's in the skies. Earth, look up with laughter in your eyes!  
- Charles G.D. Roberts



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## **Solar Eclipse, April 8th, 2024**

*by Zoe Sucu, Library Director*

NH is in a prime spot this year to view the total solar eclipse! The last time we were able to view this eclipse was in August of 2017. East Kingston has a view of around 95%, meaning that while we will not see the “total” solar eclipse; we will still be able to witness an amazing display. That is, of course, as long as the weather works in our favor.

The eclipse will begin at approximately 2:15pm. Peak will occur at 3:29pm, and the eclipse will conclude at 4:40pm.

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# Solar Eclipse, continued...

by Zoe Sucu, Library Director

The library will be hosting an Eclipse Watch Party on April 8th from 2pm - 5pm. Bring a picnic blanket, and some snacks, and join us as we watch the eclipse together. Viewing glasses will be provided, day of, while supplies last. We hope you can join us!

When viewing any solar eclipse, it is vital that you wear the correct eye protection.

Between April 1st and April 6th, anyone with a library card living in East Kingston can get solar eclipse glasses at the library for you and your family. \*\*Please note: If you are planning to come to the Watch Party, you do not need to pick up separate glasses. Glasses will be passed out during the event.\*\*

As always, call the library for more information.

## East Kingston Edition

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

**Town Clerk & Tax Collector**  
(603) 642-8406 x2  
Monday: 8am - 5pm  
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:  
8am - 2:30pm  
Wednesday: 5pm - 7pm

**Town Administration**  
(603) 642-8406 x1  
Monday: 8am - 4pm  
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:  
8am - 2:30pm  
Wednesday: 11am - 7pm

**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) 642-3811  
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 Note: Date, time and location are subject to change. Please visit [eknh.org](http://eknh.org) or [sau16.org](http://sau16.org) for up to date information.\*\***

**SOLAR ECLIPSE**

Glasses available: April 1st - April 6th

Come to EKPL to grab your solar eclipse glasses, while supplies last! Glasses will also be available the day of at EKPL.

For EKPL Patrons

It is vital that you use the correct solar eclipse glasses. Without them, you can permanently damage your eyes. Even taking a picture of the sun with your camera can damage the lenses!

# East Kingston 2024-25 Kindergarten Registration

by Karen Hoffmaster, East Kingston Elementary School Secretary

East Kingston Elementary School is currently registering kindergarten students for the 24-25 school year. Students must be five years old on or before September 30, 2024 (DOB 10/1/18 through 9/30/19) and be a resident of East Kingston.

To obtain a registration packet, please call the school (603)642-3511 or email Karen Hoffmaster [khoffmaster@sau16.org](mailto:khoffmaster@sau16.org). Registration packets can also be found on our East Kingston School website [eks.sau16.org](http://eks.sau16.org). **There will be a kindergarten orientation for parents held on May 9th at 5:00pm at the school.**

All materials required are listed in the packet. You may register your child by returning all required paperwork to the school office between the hours of 8am-4pm. Our mailing address is 5 Andrews Lane, East Kingston, NH 03827.

New Hampshire State Law requires all children to have had immunizations for DPT, polio, mumps, measles, German measles, chickenpox and hepatitis B prior to entering school. A complete medical exam, taken within one year of entry into kindergarten is also required. You will also need your child's birth certificate and proof of residency to complete the registration process.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Hoffmaster [khoffmaster@sau16.org](mailto:khoffmaster@sau16.org) or call the school at (603) 642-3511.

## East Kingston Bird Walk

by Brooke Petrucelli, East Kingston Conservation Commission

Join us for an easy walk with East Kingston resident bird expert - Kirk Elwell. Kirk's knowledge of birds and their behavior is amazing. No matter what we see, you will walk away with at least some new tidbit of avian information. And you might meet some of your neighbors both human and bird types! Hope to see you there.

- Date: Sat. April 13 @ 7:30 - 9:00 AM
- Rain or Shine
- In case of a bad storm - Sun April 14
- Location: 10 Autumn Lane, East Kingston
- Bring: Binoculars and Water
- No registration required.

Questions: [EKconservation@gmail.com](mailto:EKconservation@gmail.com)  
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# Town of East Kingston Annual Rabies Clinic

by Barbara Clark, Town Clerk

Dr. Kirk Smith of the Amesbury Animal Hospital and the Town of East Kingston will hold its Annual Rabies Clinic on **Saturday, April 13, 2024**, from **12:00pm - 2:00pm** at the East Kingston Town Office Building parking lot, 24 Depot Road.



A fee of \$19.00 will be charged for each animal. Any domestic animal may be brought to the clinic but must be restrained by a leash or in a cage.

Please bring the pet's most recent proof of rabies certification so that a three-year vaccination can be offered. Otherwise, all vaccinations will cover a one-year period.

The Town Clerk's Office will also be open during this time to issue dog licenses to East Kingston residents.

East Kingston residents are reminded that April 30th is the deadline for dog owners to license their dogs with the Town Clerk. This applies to all dogs, three months and older. A certificate of rabies vaccination is required as well as proof of neutering/spaying.

You can license your dog online at: [www.eknh.org](http://www.eknh.org).

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## School Board Meeting Notice

by Kirsten Soroko, School Board Member

The East Kingston Elementary School Board meeting will be held on April 8th at 4:00 pm.

**May 18th is big for East Kingston.**

Stop by the library in the morning for our annual Book, Bake and Plant Sale, happening from 10am - 2pm. Head over to the police station after for an event starting at 12:00pm, for Bike Safety Day! It'll be a great day for community themed events!



**EAST KINGSTON BIKE SAFETY DAY**



**DATE & TIME**

May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 PM

Rain Date: 19<sup>th</sup>, same time.

**LOCATION**

East Kingston Police Department  
3 Bowley Rd East Kingston, NH  
03827

**SCHEDULE:**

**12:00 - 12:30 PM**

Arrival

**12:30 - 1:00 PM**

Bike Safety Class.

**1:00 - 1:45 PM**

Obstacle Course, Group bike ride and more!

**1:45 - 2:00 PM**

Quick Break.

**2:00 - 3:00 PM**

Live Demo with Officer Capsalis and k9 Crue from Danville PD !!!

Join the East Kingston Police Department for some Bike Safety, Food and Fun located right in front of the Police Department!

We will have bicycle obstacle courses, games & more, including FREE Bicycle helmets for kids. (Limited amount)

Children in attendance of the Bike Safety Class will receive 1 raffle ticket for a chance to win a **PRIZE!**

We hope everyone can make it and stay for the K9 Demonstration!

We ask that you do not park on Haverhill Road and Sullivan Drive.

You may park in the Police Department parking lot, but please do not block the garage or building entrances.

Food, water, and snacks will be available thanks to our local family store, Jones General!

*Local Vendors are welcome to donate whatever they can to help make this day even more great!*

**Save the Date!**  
**May 18th, 2024**

# Friends of EKPL News

by Nikki Cutler, Board of the Friends of EKPL

Happy Spring!

 **Friends 1st Quarterly Meeting**   
**DATE and TIME CHANGE**

Our next Friends meeting will now be on **Tuesday, April 2nd at 5:15p** at the library. We hope you will join us to learn more about the group and getting involved. The Treasurer position is currently open and we will be discussing this at the meeting. Please reach out if you would like more details about this position, or check the Friends' webpage for details and meeting materials.

 **Book, Bake & Plant Sale @ EKPL** 

**Saturday, May 18th 10am-2pm (rain date: June 1st)**

The Friends group has been busy planning our yearly Book, Bake & Plant Sale. This is an important fundraiser for the library and we hope to see you and your family there. We also need volunteers and donations!

## April Highlights at The Used Book Store (UBS)

Located at the Pound School on Rt.107. Fridays 10am-5pm and Saturdays 10am-1pm.

- Children's Board Books
- Books on Sea & Marine Life
- Gardening Books just in time for spring planting!
- Set of Mysteries of the Unknown
- Set of Scottish Bake House Mysteries

 **Charitable Games of Chance Dates TBA** 

FoEKPL receives a percentage of the profits from Oceanfront Gaming Casino on Hampton Beach on designated dates. We are still working on our upcoming dates but hope to announce them soon!



 **2024 Membership Drive Continues** 

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2024 Friends Membership drive! As we've mentioned before, this is our most important fundraising period. If you would still like to donate, it is not too late! Pledge forms can be found at the library, the Used Book Store, or please send us an email at [friendsofekpl@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofekpl@gmail.com).

As always, thank you for your support! Please follow our FaceBook Page "Friends of East Kingston Public Library", visit our webpage or email us at [friendsofekpl@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofekpl@gmail.com) for more information.

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# Important Dates

- **April 2nd @ 5:15pm - Friends of EKPL**
  - In Person with Zoom Option. Meeting will be held at the East Kingston Public Library. The agenda, Zoom link, and more can be found at [www.eastkingstonlibrary.org/friends-of-ekpl](http://www.eastkingstonlibrary.org/friends-of-ekpl).
- **April 8th @ 4:00pm - East Kingston School Board**
  - In-Person. Meetings are held at the East Kingston Elementary School, in the library. More information can be found at [www.eks.sau16.org](http://www.eks.sau16.org).
- **April 8th @ 5:30pm - East Kingston Conservation**
  - In-Person. Meetings will be held at the Town Offices. More information can be found at [www.eknh.org/conservation-commission](http://www.eknh.org/conservation-commission).
- **April 8th @ 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 [www.eknh.org/selectmen](http://www.eknh.org/selectmen).
- **April 18th @ 6:30pm - Planning Board Meeting**
  - In Person. Meeting will be held at the Pound School. More information can be found at [www.eknh.org/planning-board](http://www.eknh.org/planning-board).
- **April 22nd @ 5:00pm - East Kingston Public Library**
  - In Person with Zoom Option. Meeting will be held at the East Kingston Public Library. The agenda, Zoom link, and more can be found at [www.eastkingstonlibrary.org](http://www.eastkingstonlibrary.org).
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  - In-Person with Zoom Option. Meetings will be held at the Town offices. The agenda, Zoom link, and more can be found at [eknh.org/selectmen](http://eknh.org/selectmen).
- **April 25th @ 6:30pm - Zoning Board Meeting**
  - In Person. Meeting will be held at the Pound School. More information can be found at [www.eknh.org/zoning-board-adjustment](http://www.eknh.org/zoning-board-adjustment).