

# E. KINGSTON EDITION

*Happy Independence Day!*



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## **Go Exploring!**

*by Tracy Waldron, Library Director*

If you are looking for things to do as you begin venturing out this summer, please consider a museum pass from the library. Our Friends of the Library work hard to fund our museum passes every year.

Each venue has different guidelines since Covid, so make sure to check their website before you go. We have the following passes available at this time.

**Boston Museum of Science:** requires a \$10 copay

**Currier Museum of Art:** 50% off general admission

**Peabody Essex Museum:** register online at [pem.org/tickets](http://pem.org/tickets) call library for promo code

**The Trustees:** The Trustees have 118 locations in Massachusetts that offer free admissions with a pass, including Crane's Beach, deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum, and Fruitland's museum.

Please call the library for more information.

# Town Offices Information

By Grace Ruelle, Town Administrator

The Town Office building is fully open!

The front door will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8am - 2:30pm. Monday after 2:30pm please ring the security bell. Wednesday evening will remain "By Appointment" for the Town Clerks office from 6-8pm. When arriving for your appointment please ring the security bell at the front door.

## Important Dates:

### July 5th

All Town Offices will be closed in Observance of Independence Day! We wish you all a happy and safe holiday!

### July 12 @ 6:30pm Selectmen's Meeting

In person with Zoom option. The agenda, Zoom link, and more can be found at [www.eknh.org/selectmen](http://www.eknh.org/selectmen)

### July 26 @ 6:30pm Selectmen's Meeting

In person with Zoom option. The agenda, Zoom link, and more can be found at [www.eknh.org/selectmen](http://www.eknh.org/selectmen)



# 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  
Emergency: 911  
Non-Emergency: (603) 642-3141

### East Kingston Public Library

eastkingstonlibrary.org  
(603) 642-8333  
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.\*

# Girl Scout Troop 59300

by the Girl Scouts

This year, Girl Scout Troop 59300 has been learning how we can use our own skills and passion to help others around us. We are grateful for our community's support during our cookie sales that allowed us to donate \$912 to local charities and 30 boxes of cookies to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry!

But the girls are also passionate about protecting local wildlife. They spent time researching endangered species in New Hampshire, and the common thread across all species was that human activity has dramatically decreased the number and quality of habitats available to local wildlife. The girls want to protect their remaining habitats as much as possible, so last week, our troop went to the East Kingston Town Forest and Beach to clean up litter to protect our local critters. If you haven't been there, it's a great walk and beautiful area, but the girls spent an hour filling this garbage bag with socks, Styrofoam, and tons of broken glass.



**The girls would like to remind you that:**

- Animals can choke and die on our trash.
- Do not litter.
- If you have trash, clean up after yourself, and carry it home with you.

Can you do your part in helping keep this area and other natural spaces safe for animals and beautiful for everyone to enjoy?

## Town Beautification Project

by EKES Garden Committee

The students of East Kingston Elementary School have been working hard to plant flowers, herbs, and vegetables around town as part of our "Growing Together" project. We are inviting all East Kingston residents to come and "Pick Your Own" vegetables or flowers from the beds behind the school and some herbs from the garden out in front of the school. There is also a beautiful PYO location at the town library for all to enjoy. Please spread the word to people in town who may benefit from some extra veggies on the table or the sight of beautiful flowers planted with love from the students of EKES.

Thank you for your continued support and may you have a restful and healthy summer!



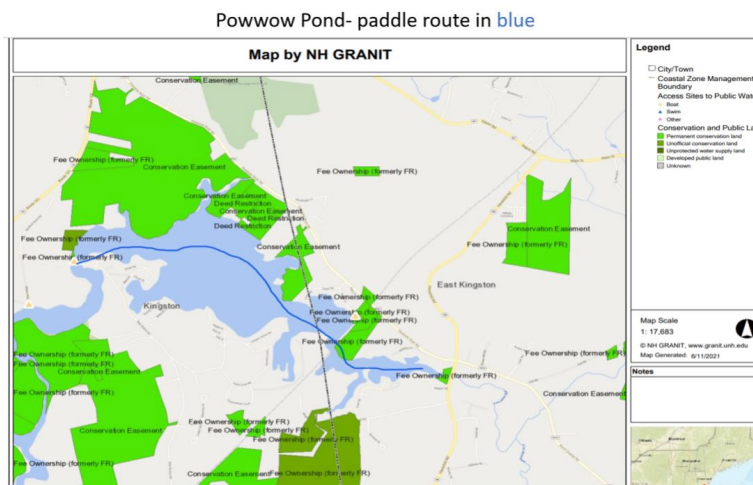
# Powwow Pond

by East Kingston Conservation Commission

On a warm day in late May, I took a nice paddle on Powwow Pond. I hadn't done this for a number of years. I put my kayak in at the NH Fish and Game access off New Boston Road in Kingston which has a parking area for a number of vehicles. E. Kingston also has a smaller access off 107A for town residents, but my plan was to paddle the length of the pond into the prevailing SE breeze coming from the ocean and coast back. The 285-acre Powwow Pond is formed by the Trickling Falls dam in East Kingston. The Powwow River which enters the pond originates in Danville, NH passes through Great Pond and continues into Powwow Pond and eventually passes through downtown Amesbury, MA (where it was once a source of power for industry) before joining the Merrimack River. There is also a major tributary that enters from Country Pond and its surrounding wetlands (which include a rare Atlantic white cedar swamp).

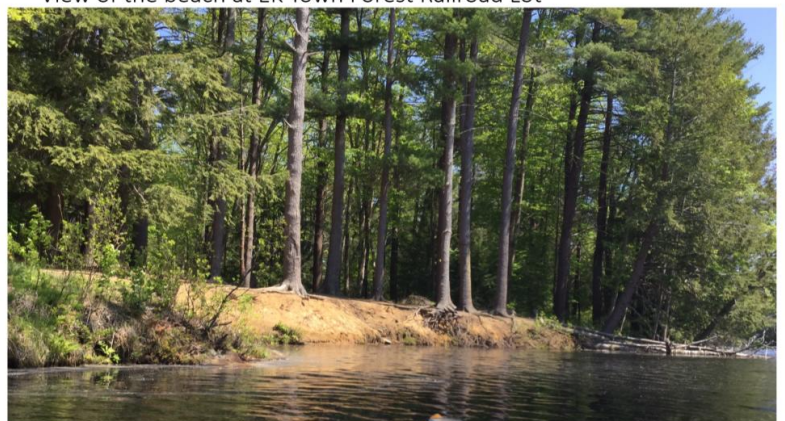
Upon entering the pond, I paddled out through a channel cut through the dense growth of water lilies that populate this western side. I was pleased to not see evidence of milfoil growing.

Paddling up the north side of the lake I noticed how undeveloped much of this area was – in fact much of the shoreline is under conservation easement.



Powwow Pond has a warm water fishery and also many water fowl including Ring-necked Duck, Mergansers, Mallards and Great Blue Herons. The surrounding area is also home to deer, fisher, beaver and Blanding's and spotted turtles. In about 40 minutes I passed into the East Kingston section of the pond and easily passed under the railroad trestle. Directly after the trestle to my left was the small beach that is part of the East Kingston Town Forest 12.4 acre Railroad Lot. This is a popular spot for sunning and swimming in summer months. The bank is noticeably eroded from use and a project is under review by the EK Conservation Commission to restore the bank and add a granite stair with a safety rail to access the water. Although not for completion this summer, hopefully this will be done for future seasons. Another 20 minutes took me to the end of the lake near the Trickling Falls dam where I rested for a moment before heading back. I felt very fortunate to realize what a wonderful natural resource we have here at Powwow Pond. The paddle was a great alternative to the busier Great Pond nearby and I look forward to doing it again.

View of the beach at EK Town Forest Railroad Lot



# Friends of EKPL News

By FoEKPL

Thank you for everyone who came to support us at the Annual Book & Bake Sale! It was a beautiful day and we sold a lot of books and goodies!! As always, we appreciate your support!



**Please mark your calendars for our next charitable gaming days!**

Charitable Gaming fundraiser for the Friends of the Library

Tuesday August 17 and Wednesday August 18.

Friends of the Library receive 30% of proceeds

Ocean Gaming Casino

81 Ocean Blvd

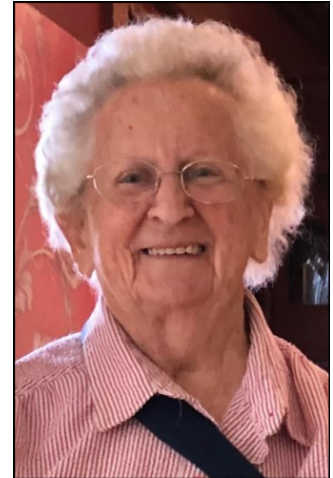
Hampton Beach

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# Remembering Lorriane Purington

On February 23, 2021, Lorraine D. Purington, of East Kingston, passed away at the age of 88. She married her devoted husband, Harvey, in 1963, and moved to East Kingston from Amesbury, MA. They owned and operated a local Auto Repair/Gas Station until 2012. Lorraine is survived by her husband of 58 years, three sons, and five grandchildren. She will be greatly missed.

Donations in Lorraine's memory may be made to The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Exeter.



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## Important Dates

- **July 12th @ 5:00pm - Conservation Commission**
  - In-Person at the Town Offices. Visit [eknh.org/conservation-commission](http://eknh.org/conservation-commission) for more information.
- **July 12th @ 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).
- **July 15th @ 7:00pm - Planning Board Meeting**
  - In-Person at the Pound School. Visit [eknh.org/planning-board](http://eknh.org/planning-board) for more.
- **July 21st @ 4:00pm - Waste Management Meeting**
  - In-Person at the Pound School. Visit [eknh.org/solid-wasterecycling](http://eknh.org/solid-wasterecycling) for more information.
- **July 22nd @ 7:00pm - EKPL Friends of the Library**
  - In-Person at the Pound School. Visit [eastkingstonlibrary.org/friends-of-ekpl](http://eastkingstonlibrary.org/friends-of-ekpl) for more.
- **July 26th @ 6:30pm - Selectmen's Meeting**
  - In-Person at the Town Offices. Visit [eknh.org/conservation-commission](http://eknh.org/conservation-commission) for more information.
- **July 26th @ 7:00pm - EKPL Board of Trustees Meeting**
  - In-Person at the East Kingston Public Library. Visit [eastkingstonlibrary.org](http://eastkingstonlibrary.org) for more information.