

# E. KINGSTON EDITION

May, more than any other month of the year, wants us to feel most alive." - Fennel Hudson



Pictured above: Unutil workers on their lunch break help change the stuck flag at the Library.

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## **Get the Newsletter in Your Inbox**

by Zoe Sucu, Library Director

We've had requests recently for more town news, so we're making another push for the Town's newsletter. You can pick up physical copies at the Library, Town Offices and Jones General Store. BUT! You can also get the newsletter directly to your email the first of every month.

Head over to the Library website - [eastkingstonlibrary.org](http://eastkingstonlibrary.org). At the very top of our homepage, you will see "EK Edition." From there, you can click "subscribe now" and enter in your email.

**IMPORTANT:** you have 24 hours to confirm your email. Oftentimes, this first email will be sent to junk. It will come through as "East Kingston Edition" from the email [newsletter@eastkingstonnh.gov](mailto:newsletter@eastkingstonnh.gov).

Once you confirm your email, you can choose to get the EK Edition and/or the Library newsletter. Make your selections and click save. You're now officially enrolled! Happy reading!

## The Work Continues at the Town Offices

by Grace Ruelle, Town Administrator

Over the last year we have had new furniture donated, reorganized the offices to make the space more functional, and cleaned up a tremendous number of files to make the information easily accessible. Now we are painting and getting ready to refinish the wood floors. Over these last few weeks, the staff have been working diligently getting the building ready to be closed for a week. **We will be closed the week of May 6th** while the floors are sanded and refinished, restoring the natural beauty of the wood. The effort and investment into the building has been tremendous by everyone involved. We ask that you try to plan accordingly for the closure, however we understand that emergencies may arise. We are working on solutions for certain situations that may not be able to withstand a week's wait and will provide information to those in need. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this process!

## Bulk Waste Stickers

by Ron Morales, Solid Waste Removal and Recycle Committee

Bulk Waste pickup day is May 13th. It requires a sticker system. Each household will be allowed 2 free stickers and may purchase additional stickers for \$20 each. They must be picked up at the Town Clerks Office (603) 642-8406 Option #2.

As a reminder, the Town Offices will be closed during the week of May 6th to accommodate the wood floor refinishing schedule. We appreciate your patience during this time. Because this is the week prior to bulk pickup, we are asking that you make arrangements to get them now. Each item requires a sticker be affixed to it and needs to be curbside prior to 7am Monday, May 13th.

**The last day to pick up bulk stickers is Friday, May 3rd, before 2:30pm.**

## 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

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: (603) 642-3141

### East Kingston Public Library

eastkingstonlibrary.org

(603) 642-8333

ekpublib@comcast.net

Monday & Wednesday:

9am - 5pm

Tuesday & Thursday:

11am - 7pm

Friday & Saturday:

9am - 1pm

### E. Kingston Elementary School

(603) 642-3911

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.\*\***

# 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](https://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 03927.

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.

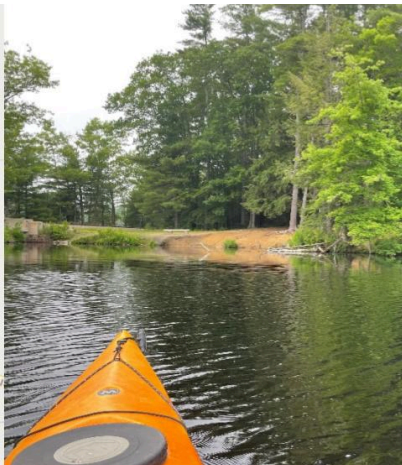
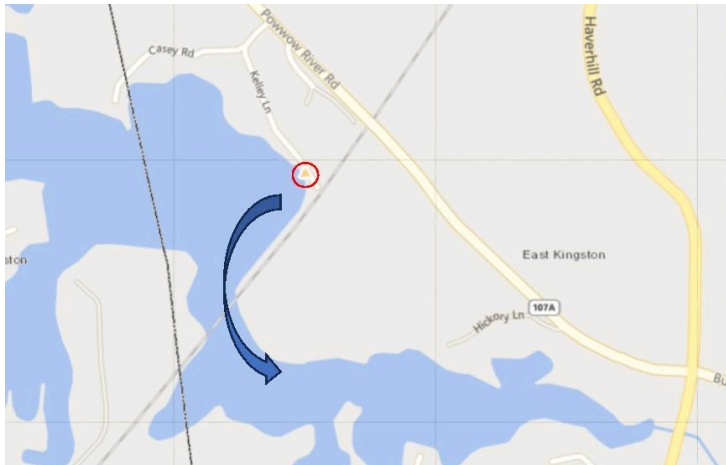
## Come Paddle with us on the Powwow!

by Gordon Powers, East Kingston Conservation Commission

Several members of your East Kingston Conservation Commission (EKCC) will be paddling on the Powwow Pond on Saturday, May 25th, 2024 from 10AM-noon (rain date Saturday, June 1st, 2024) and we'd love it if any East Kingston kayakers/canoists would like to join us! We plan to leave from the boat launch on Kelley Lane (see map) and be on the water for about two hours of "relaxed" paddling. The parking lot will accommodate about 10 cars and is for EK residents only, with stickers. The 2024 Town Beach and Boat Launch stickers are available at the Town Clerk's Office. Each household is entitled to 2 free stickers for Town Resident vehicles; they are \$10.00 for each additional.

We will paddle under the railroad trestle and view the EK public beach and then continue down towards the Tricklin' Falls dam. Time permitting, we'll also go along a portion of the Kingston shoreline. EKCC members will share information on local flora, including the invasive milfoil, and speak briefly about the importance of the Powwow and plans to address the town beach erosion. This is intended to be a fun trip to acquaint, or reacquaint, you with a wonderful spot and provide some information - not a lecture!

Due to the limited parking available, we anticipate this event may fill quickly. If you are interested in a participating, please let us know at [ekconservation@gmail.com](mailto:ekconservation@gmail.com).




### What to bring:

- Kayak or canoe, paddle, life vest
- Water/Sun lotion/Hat/Bug spray
- EK launch sticker
- Signed waiver (form will be provided by EKCC)


# Adventure Begins at Your Library, SRP 2024

by Zoe Sucu, Library Director

Summer Reading 2024



@ the East Kingston Public Library



**What**

The East Kingston Public Library presents *Adventure Begins at Your Library* for our summer reading theme this year! The theme centers around all the adventures you can have while reading. Our focus will be on the great outdoors, at the East Kingston National Park! The program runs from **June 17th through August 3rd**. Summer Reading is for children of all ages, as well as some added events for families and adults. We hope you will join us for some amazing themed crafts, story hours, special guests, field trips, and so much more! Visit the Library (47 Maplevale Road, in East Kingston) or our website [www.eastkingstonlibrary.org](http://www.eastkingstonlibrary.org) for more information!

Kick Off

June 17th 12pm - 2pm

Help us Kick Off our Summer Reading Program on June 17th! The Kick Off is drop-in between 12pm and 2pm. You will be able to **register for summer reading**, receive a whole bag of goodies, play games, and more!  
You'll be able to learn about all the activities we have planned for this summer and sign up for the ones that interest you the most.  
You can sign up at any point during Summer Reading, so if you can't make it to the Kick Off, don't worry!

Prizes

When you register for summer reading, you will receive a reading tracker. If you keep track of how many hours you read, and turn in the tracker when you've completed it, you'll receive a raffle ticket to add to our prize raffle.  
You can also earn tickets simply by coming to the library! You get one ticket for visiting the library and another for taking part in one of the library programs. The more tickets you earn, the more chances you'll have of winning one of the big prizes! We draw the raffle at our End Party, on **August 3rd at 11am**.

Events

Here's a sneak peek at just **SOME** of our special events!

- Library Sleepaway - Camp at the library!
- Bigfoot Terrariums
- Draw Comics w/Ryan Higgins
- DIY Survival Kits
- Owl Pellet Dissection
- Weekly Take and Makes
- Weekly Story Hours
- 3D Print Club
- and so much more!

ADVENTURE

BEGINS AT

YOUR LIBRARY.

Summer Reading is right around the corner! Here's your sneak peek at just some of the fun and exciting things we have planned. Keep an eye out for more, coming soon!

# Sea Chantey Singers, May 21 at 7pm @ EKPL

by Zoe Sucu, Library Director

Sea chanteys are fun songs, but in the old days of the tall-masted sailing ships they were the work songs by which the sailors labored in unison to hoist the sails, haul up the anchor and pump the bilge. It was exhausting work, icy cold in the Arctic gales, sweaty in the tropic calms. But the chanteys (from the French verb, "to sing") told tales of high adventure - of harpooned whales that dragged them on a "Nantucket sleigh ride," of pirates they fought on the high seas, of girls they wooed in ports around the globe. For hard-bitten men, they were great romantics!


It is the special joy of the Chantey Singers to bring alive the folklore of the great days of sail - politics, economics, science and fun, all in one rousing package!

This event is brought to us by SeaTrek, a UNH SeaGrant Program. Visit [seagrant.unh.edu](http://seagrant.unh.edu) for more information.

SEA CHANTEY SINGERS

TUESDAY, MAY 21 @ 7PM

EAST KINGSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



# Pick Up Your CSA at the Library!

by Zoe Sucu, Library Director

Have you ever been interested in participating in a CSA? Now is your chance! The Library is one of two drop-off locations for Wild Fern Farm, located in Kingston.

Choose your subscription size, and every Thursday for 18 weeks (June through September) head over to the library to pick up your fresh local veggies!

Sign ups are happening now. Head over to [wildfernfarmnh.com](http://wildfernfarmnh.com) to add your name to the list. Don't forget to choose East Kingston Public Library as your pick up location!



Get more fresh and tasty vegetables in your lunch boxes and on your dinner table this year with a

## Wild Fern Farm Veggie Box CSA!

CSA= Community Supported Agriculture

Box subscriptions offer you a weekly supply of freshly harvested, **certified organic vegetables** grown at Wild Fern Farm in Kingston.

Subscriptions run for 18 weeks, June through September

Box pickups are Thursdays 2pm-6pm at either:

- Bakie Farm, 35 Powwow River Road, Kingston, NH
- East Kingston Library, 47 Maplevale Rd, East Kingston, NH



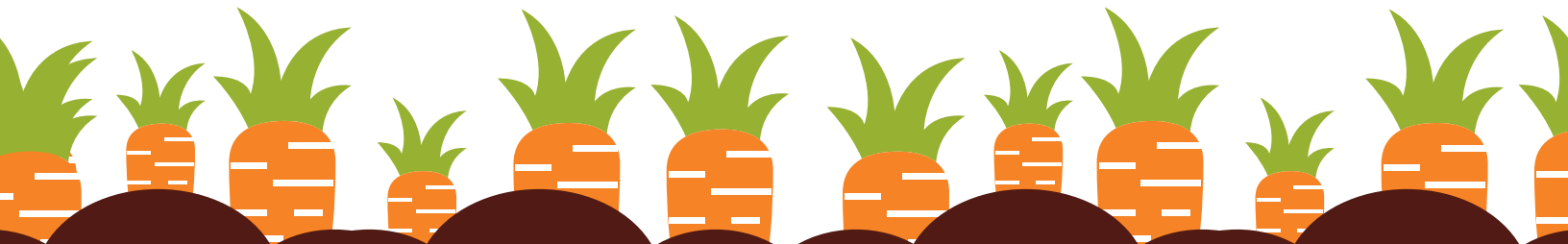
More info at:

[wildfernfarmnh.com](http://wildfernfarmnh.com)

For questions, email or call Liz at

[wildfernfarmnh@gmail.com](mailto:wildfernfarmnh@gmail.com)

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# Friends of EKPL News

By Nikki Cutler, Board of the Friends of EKPL

Spring is in the air! The birds are singing and the flowers are blooming, and the Friends have a big month coming up!

## 🌱 Book, Bake & Plant Sale @ EKPL 🌱

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

The Friends' annual Book, Bake & Plant Sale is just around the corner!

We'll have plants for spring gardening, delicious baked treats, and lots and lots of books! This yearly tradition is a fun-filled day and all of the proceeds go to supporting the library.

If you would like to **donate** any plants, seedlings, or baked goods, or volunteer your time please sign up at the library or by emailing us. Thank you!

## 🍕 Pizza Fundraiser at Otto! 🍕

**Monday, May 20th ALL DAY (11a - 10p)**

Head to **33 Water Street in Exeter** and enjoy some delicious Otto pizza and support the Friends while doing so. This fundraiser happens all day on **May 20th**, but we will have a table set up from **5-8p**. The Friends will receive **10%** of all sales (including dine-in, take-out, and delivery!)

## 📖 News at The Used Book Store (UBS) 📖

The UBS had a wonderful Kids 5th Saturday on March 30th. It was a great turnout and Heidi from

**Down To Earth Garden Shop** in Kingston, NH

donated a lovely fairy garden that was raffled off at the end of the day. Congratulations to the winner, Emily M., and a big thanks to Heidi!



**The UBS is open Fridays 10am-5pm and Saturdays 10am-1pm (kids 5th Saturdays 10a-2p)**

Get a jump on your summer reading and stop in to check out these **May** highlights:

- Enjoy some laughs with books on wit and humor
- Animal stories
- Spruce up your living room with some new coffee table books
- Books in a series
- Junior classics

Donate and get a free book!



# UPCOMING



**FUNDRAISER**  
**Monday, May 20**  
**ALL DAY**  
*OTTB in Exeter*

**10% of all food sales** Includes Dine-In, Takeout & Delivery  
*No code or coupon necessary!*

## 🎲 Charitable Games of Chance Dates 🎲

From **May 20 - 24**, FoEKPL receives **35%** of the profits from Oceanfront Gaming Casino on Hampton Beach on designated dates. Mark your calendars!

Spring is in the air and we hope you have noticed the results of the **Spring cleanup and landscaping** at the library. Our thanks to local business **K&B Landscaping** for their great job in providing this service.

Please join us at the library for our next **Friends' Quarterly Meeting** on **Tuesday, July 2nd at 5pm**. More details, a Zoom Link and meeting materials will be posted on the Friends' webpage.

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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# The KEY Collective Hosting Summer Soiree

by Kim Irwin, *The KEY Collective*

The KEY Collective provides K-12 kids from low-income families within the Seacoast NH region access to sports and other youth activities for free or at a reduced cost with no red tape and no social stigma attached.

On June 20th, the KEY Collective will host their annual fundraiser- A SUMMER SOIREE with The KEY Collective. The event will take place at Abeniqui Country Club in Rye from 6-8:30pm and will include a cash bar, appetizers, music provided by Truffle Acoustic Trio, and silent and live auctions. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased here: [www.keycollective.org/2024-summer-soiree](http://www.keycollective.org/2024-summer-soiree)

More about KEY Collective:

The KEY Collective connects #areuin? card members with discounts and scholarships with 30 program partners throughout NH's Seacoast region. We also offer card members up to \$200 annually for most programs & activities not currently offered through our partners.

K-12 youth qualify for an #areuin? card membership by providing proof of current eligibility in the Federal Free & Reduced Lunch Program, NH Medicaid or through a referral from a qualified validator. To learn more and to sign up for a card, please go to [www.keycollective.org/areuin-program](http://www.keycollective.org/areuin-program).

The KEY Collective is a registered 501c3 that is a fully donor-funded organization. If you are interested in learning how you can give your support, please visit

[www.keycollective.org/support-us](http://www.keycollective.org/support-us) or

follow us on Facebook ([facebook.com/KEYCollectiveNH](https://facebook.com/KEYCollectiveNH)),

Instagram (@thekeycollective\_nh) or LinkedIn ([linkedin.com/company/the-key-collective](https://linkedin.com/company/the-key-collective)).



**KEY COLLECTIVE**  
EMPOWERING OUR YOUTH

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# Town of East Kingston Trustee of Trust Funds ALTERNATE MEMBERS WANTED

by Ron Morales, *Trustee of the Trust Fund*

The East Kingston Trustee of Trust Funds is seeking interested town residents to serve as alternate members on the Trustee of Trust Funds. Alternate members will participate as voting members when a regular member is absent or unable to serve on any matter. Alternate members are encouraged to attend all meetings to keep themselves informed and to familiarize themselves with Trustee procedures; however, this is not required. The Trustee of Trust Funds meets as required to act on requests for funds from the Capital Reserve and Capital Trust Funds and any other matters that come before the Trustees. Experience is not required, but an understanding of financials is desirable.

Any person interested in serving should submit a letter of interest as follows:

Ron Morales, Trustee

East Kingston Trustee of Trust Funds

24 Depot Road

East Kingston, NH 03827

Alternatively, email to [rmorales@EASTKINGSTONNH.GOV](mailto:rmorales@EASTKINGSTONNH.GOV)

# Conservation Easement Program Wed., June 12 @ 5pm

by Vicki Brown, East Kingston Conservation Commission

Have you thought about conserving your land? Conservation easements are one option to protect a property for future generations.

Join your neighbors and experts for a panel and Q&A about conservation easements on Wednesday, June 12 at 5pm at the East Kingston Public Library. As an attendee and participant, you will...

1. Learn about the conservation easement process
2. Have the opportunity to ask questions of experts
3. Take home conservation easement materials, including the Conserving Your Land guide (also available online at <https://nhltc.org/resources/conserving-your-land-publication>).

Panelists include:

- **Hal Bodwell**, a former dairy farmer and conservation easement owner who has conservation easements in both East Kingston and Kensington
- **Brian Hotz**, VP of Land Conservation at the Society for the Protection of NH Forests
- **Duane Hyde**, Land Conservation Director at Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire (SELT), which has conserved tens of thousands of acres, including Monahan Farm and Bodwell Farm.
- **Amy MacDonald**, conservation easement owner in East Kingston

Bring your questions for the panel. Q&A follows panelists' presentations.

## Conservation Easements Panel & Q&A

Wednesday, June 12, 5pm-6:30pm  
East Kingston Public Library



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# Important Dates

- **May 6th @ 6:30pm - Selectmen's Meeting**
  - In Person. This particular meeting will be held at the Pound School. The agenda, Zoom link, and more can be found on [www.eknh.org/selectmen](http://www.eknh.org/selectmen). **\*NOTE LOCATION CHANGE\***
- **May 13th @ 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).
- **May 13th @ 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).
- **May 16th @ 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).
- **May 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 at [eknh.org/selectmen](http://eknh.org/selectmen).
- **May 23rd @ 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).
- **May 28th @ 5:00pm - EKPL Board of Trustees Meeting \*NOTE DAY CHANGE\***
  - 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).