



# Reminders from Town Hall



November 22, 2019

## Town News



Thursday Curbside Waste & Recycling will be picked up Friday

**MUNICIPAL OFFICES CLOSED**

- Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>
- Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>



### Part - Time Employment Opportunity Custodial/Maintenance Position



The Town of North Yarmouth is seeking an individual for the cleaning and general maintenance of our new Community Center. It is a 20 hour a week position, evening hours 5-9pm. Candidate must have a valid driver's license. Previous custodial and maintenance experience preferred. [Applications](#) are available at northyarmouth.org or at the Town Office 10 Village Square Road, North Yarmouth, ME 04097.

Applications will be accepted until position is filled. EOE



**Municipal Offices CLOSED**  
**Tuesday, December 3, 2019**  
**for**  
**Mandatory Staff Training**

Nomination  
Papers  
Available

## UPCOMING ELECTIONS

- Select Board Position for a term ending June 30, 2022.
- Deadline to submit nomination papers is Jan. 2, 2020.
- Election Day is **March 3, 2020** in conjunction with the Presidential Preference Primary.
- FMI – Call the Town Office at (207)829-3705.



## Town of North Yarmouth Winter Parking Ban

- The parking of vehicles upon any public highway between the hours of 12:01AM and 6AM during the period from November 15th through April 15th is prohibited.
- Any vehicles parked in violations of this ordinance may be hauled away at the owner's expense in accordance with the provisions of MRSA Title 29 Sec. 4.



## Have you licensed your dog?



Registration deadline is December 31st.  
\$25.00 Late fee begins February 1st.

### **There are 3 Easy Ways to register/renew your dog license for the year 2020:**

**#1:** Complete the application [HERE](#) & mail the following to the Town Office (10 Village Square Rd., North Yarmouth, ME 04097): your application, payment (checks made payable to the Town of North Yarmouth), and a copy of your dog's rabies certificate. Once it is processed, we will mail the license to you.

**#2:** Between October 15th and January 31st, you may go [online](#) to complete the registration.

**#3:** Stop by the Town Office and register your dog in person. Make sure you have a copy of your dog's rabies certificate.



## *Frequently Asked Questions*

- 1. A. What does “Traffic Calming” mean? Traffic Calming** is a term commonly associated with physical features such as: speed humps, pinch-points, and chicanes (added curves). They are installed on the road to reduce the speeds at which vehicles travel, to discourage through **traffic**, to improve **traffic** safety, and to improve comfort levels for all road users.

**B. Why is this happening in North Yarmouth?**  
Two town surveys paid consultants and town people’s observations showed concerns about speeding traffic through the town center.
- 2. Why is the town center getting the focus of attention first?**  
The recently completed new town Comprehensive Plan calls for increased density in the village center, which is well underway (41 units), and safety concerns are high.
- 3. Who is involved in developing the plan and process (test)?**  
NY Public Works, Bicycle/Pedestrian Coalition of Maine, DOT, Traffic Engineer, town planning consultant, and volunteers from the LWNYS and EDSC committees.
- 4. What did this process cost the taxpayers of North Yarmouth?**  
Per Town Manager; “\$1500, of which grant funds will reimburse 50%.”
- 5. A. Why did you obstruct the bike lanes with the project?**  
There are no bike lanes in the village center. Paved shoulders are not bicycle lanes, though bikes commonly ride on the shoulder. When legal bike lanes are not available, bikers should be riding in the same lanes as traffic?

**B. Why not create true bike lanes?**  
Per DOT, the roads are not wide enough. The goal is to show how a bicycle, pedestrian, or traffic-calming facility could improve safety and comfort without adversely impacting other users.
- 6. Does anyone really ever walk in the village center?**  
Walkers and runners have responded positively to this experiment. Pedestrians accessing NY Variety, Stones, and the Purple House, along with the new residents at Meadowbrook and Stone Post and the new housing and business units currently under construction in the village center, all deserve the safety provided by traffic calming.
- 7. Did the test provide enough space for commercial and over-sized vehicles?**  
The test did not create illegally sized traffic lanes. The NY fire chief successfully tested the lanes with a firetruck.
- 8. What about speed bumps?**  
Speed bumps are permanent, costly structures that may be determined to be part of the final plans, but not in the initial testing. DOT does allow them in areas with speed limits below 35 mph. Speed tables, which are similar to speed bumps but have a longer, smoother profile, may be more appropriate for this context. Speed tables can be combined with crosswalk locations to create raised crosswalks.
- 9. What was the deal with the planters?**  
The planters were an example of one of the low cost “physical features” (see FAQ #1), which can be used to temporarily narrow a roadway in an attempt to slow traffic down. They did not work well in this situation and were removed before the end of the trial.
- 10. Why not stop signs and red lights?**  
Multi-way stop control and traffic signals can only be installed if a given intersection meets certain warrants based on traffic counts, crash/safety history, and other related criteria. Installation of unwarranted traffic control devices can produce unintended consequences that may reduce traffic safety and/or hamper operations and are very costly.

**11. Why not just put in a permanent solar-powered speed sign reminding people how fast they are going?**

We did not use this idea in the test process due to cost, but it does not mean it will not be considered in the future.

**12. Why not just hire a police officer to monitor and ticket speeders?**

The idea of the trial was to understand better what might be done to slow vehicle speed with small dollars. The traffic calming experiment was a cost-effective means to get drivers to operate vehicles at the posted 30 MPH speed limit. The data collected in this initial test will help inform the budgetary process if NY decides to incur the cost of employing a police officer.



11-25-2019

- 1:00pm Living Well in NY (WH&CC)

12-03-2019

- 7:00pm Select Board

12-04-2019

- 7:00 am Historical Society
- 7:00pm Parks and Recreation

**\*\*\*Help Us Catch the “Diaper Bandit”\*\*\***



**Someone is driving thru town and leaving bags of soiled adult diapers along Routes 9, 115 & 231 in North Yarmouth.**

Public Works crew are cleaning up the mess left behind 2 and 3 time a week.

Littering is a civil offense with a fine of between \$100 and \$500, and subsequent offenses can be fined between \$500 and \$1,000 (for litter that's less than 15 pounds or 27 cubic feet).



Please help us keep our roadways clean by calling the **Anonymous Tip Line 207-774-1444, ext. 2208** with the **Cumberland County Sheriff's Office** or by using the [online service](#).



**Winter Sand for Residential Driveways**

Winter sand is available for residents' personal use. Each residential dwelling is eligible for up to 20 gallons (four 5gallon pails) of sand per storm. The use of municipal sand for the sanding of private roads is prohibited.

Sand pile is located at the entrance of the PWD facilities – 40 Parsonage Rd.



# Wescustogo Hall & Community Center



## Schedule of Events for the Next Two Weeks

This schedule is subject to change. Please [click here](#) to view the active calendar.

### Saturday 11-23-2019

- 9:00am – 12:00 pm Pickleball

### Sunday 11-24-2019

- Closed

### Monday 11-25-2019

- Cardio Fusion 9:00am to 10:00am
- Senior Walking 11:00am to 12:00pm
- Living Well NY meeting 1:00pm to 3:00pm
- Open Gym Grades 6-12 2:30pm to 4:30pm

### Tuesday 11-26-2019

- 360 circuit fitness 9:00am to 10:00am
- Yoga 11:00am to 12:00pm
- Open Gym Grades 6-12 2:30pm to 4:30pm

### Wednesday 11-27-2019

- Closed

### Thursday 11-28-2019

- Closed

### Friday 11-29-2019

- Senior Walking 11:00am to 12:00pm

### Saturday 11-30-2019

- 9:00am – 12:00 pm Pickleball

### Sunday 12-01-2019

- Closed

### Monday 12-02-2019

- Cardio Fusion 9:00am to 10:00am
- Senior Walking 11:00am to 12:00pm

### Tuesday 12-03-2019

- 360 circuit fitness 9:00am to 10:00am
- Yoga 11:00am to 12:00pm
- Parks & Rec. Committee 7pm to 8:30pm

### Wednesday 12-04-2019

- Cardio Fusion 9:00am to 10:00am
- Senior Walking 11:00am to 12:00pm

### Thursday 12-05-2019

- 360 circuit fitness 9:00am to 10:00am
- Dance classes 3:45pm to 7:15pm

### Friday 12-06-2019

- Bouncing Buds 10:00am to 10:30am
- Senior Walking 11:00am to 12:00pm

Contact Lisa Thompson, the Director at [lthompson@northyarmouth.org](mailto:lthompson@northyarmouth.org)  
or call (207)829-5555

## Holiday Tree Lighting & Potluck Supper

Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>  
5pm at Wescustogo Hall  
& Community Center

**5 pm:** Potluck Supper Bring an entree, side or salad to share with your neighbors. Music by Greely High School Madrigal Singers!

**6 pm:** The North Yarmouth Historical Society will lead us in caroling outside. Witness the first lighting of the new town Christmas tree!

Following the tree lighting, Santa will pay North Yarmouth a visit! The Walnut Hill Garden Club will serve cookies, and the Events Committee will provide cocoa and hot cider.



## Community News

**Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:00am to 2:00pm**  
**North Yarmouth Congregational Church – 3 Gray Road**



This Christmas Fair includes a chicken pie luncheon, a silent auction, and gift basket raffle. Come shop in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere for unique country crafts, hand-knitted items, vintage and antique items, extra-sharp cheese from a wheel, a cookie walk, baked goods, candy, fresh greens, ornaments, jewelry, and plants. Handicapped accessible.

For more details, please contact the church office at 829-3644 or [nyarmouthccucc@gmail.com](mailto:nyarmouthccucc@gmail.com).

**Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:00am to 2:00pm**  
**at Greely High School – 303 Main St., Cumberland**



Firefighters For Kids will be selling concessions as a fundraiser for the FF4KIDS 16th annual Toy Drive program. Come check out over 40 talented vendors selling their crafts and goods. Get your holiday shopping done early while supporting local small businesses and some great causes! Food proceeds go to Cumberland Maine Fire Association's FF4KIDS Toy Drive program.



**Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> 7:00am to 10:00am**  
**at Greely High School**



Join Cumberland FF4KIDS for our 16th annual breakfast with Santa. There will be several Christmas crafts an opportunity to take a picture with Santa himself and of course a yummy breakfast! We will be serving pancakes (chocolate chip, cinnamon swirl, blueberry, and plain), scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, home fries, coffee and juice. If you would like to bring a donation for our toy drive, there will be a collection box at the door. All of the proceeds from the breakfast with Santa will go towards buying gifts for families in our community in need this holiday season. We hope to see you there!! (Adults \$8 Children \$4)

*Education Awards for Local Students*  
North Yarmouth School Fund Committee  
Now Accepting Donations



Educational awards are given to North Yarmouth students enrolled at Greeley High School, private school, or who have graduated from high school within the last six (6) years and are enrolled in a full-time course of higher education. Applicants must currently be a resident of North Yarmouth for one (1) year or more.

The Trustees present awards in June of each year at a regular business meeting of the Select Board. All donations are tax exempt. Click below to donate; you can also drop off a donation at the Town Office or mail directly to NYSF, Town North Yarmouth, 10 Village Square Road, North Yarmouth, ME 04097.



**Thank you!**



Small Business Saturday is a nationwide movement to celebrate and support small businesses every day and to help communities thrive. Join us on **Saturday, November 30th** in supporting the local businesses here in North Yarmouth!

[Click on the link to view the \*\*Town of North Yarmouth Business Directory.\*\*](#)



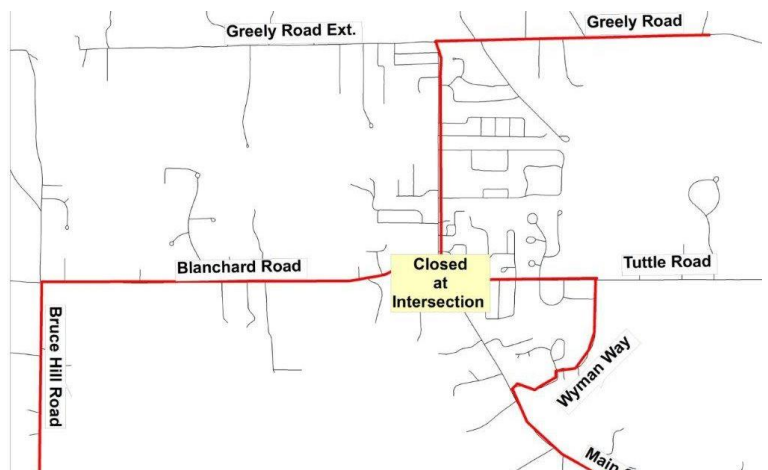
**ROUTE 9 CUMBERLAND MAINE**

Intersection of Main ST, Blanchard RD & Tuttle RD

- Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

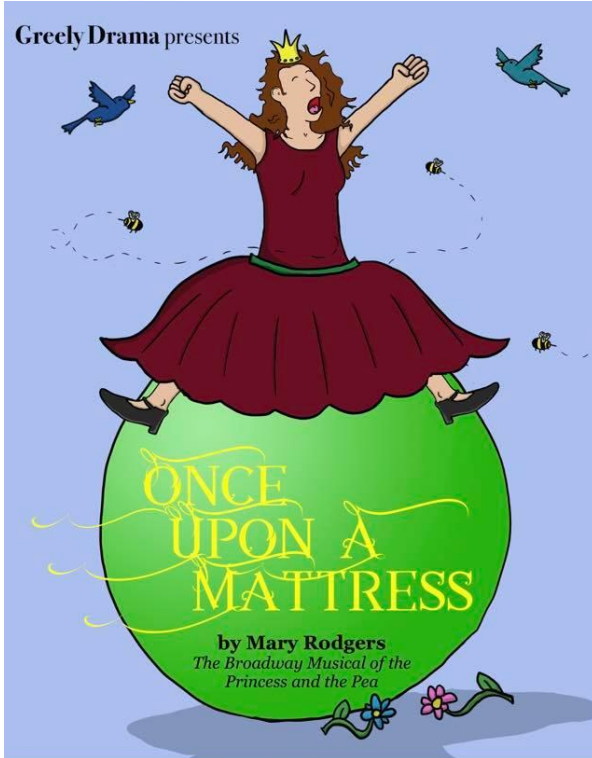
**December 9th** - Beginning at 10am the traffic lights will be taken down and the intersection will become a 4-way stop. The intersection will remain at 4-way stop until Tuesday, December 10th at 9am.

**December 10th** - From 9am-8pm the intersection will be **CLOSED**. Commuters will not be able to get through the intersection during this time frame. You must seek alternate routes! See the detour map.





**MSAD #51**  
*Engage • Empower • Inspire*



**Once Upon A Mattress** is based on the famous fairy tale, The Princess and the Pea. Because of her noble birth, the Princess is unable to sleep on a bed of many mattresses when a tiny pea is placed underneath the bottom mattress. The kingdom is an unhappy one.

Show dates are:

- Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> 7pm
- Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1pm & 7pm
- Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> 1pm

Greely Center for the Arts  
303 Main St., Cumberland, ME

\$12.00 Adults

\$10.00 Students & Seniors

**-FMI-**



**12th Annual Turkey Trot Thanksgiving Day 5K**  
**Thursday, November 28, 2019**  
**8:00 AM Race Start (7:00 AM Race Day Registration)**

The race begins at Greely High School and is run on a certified 5K course with CHIP TIMING. 8 years and under are free (not eligible for T-shirt). On-line registration is available at [www.running4free.com](http://www.running4free.com).

FMI contact [Holly Wallace](#) or [Karen Rawnsley](#)

Walk-in registrations are cash or check only on day of race.

Bring the family, join your community and friends and walk or run in **Greely Hockey's 12th Annual Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot**.

Race time is 8 a.m. (7:00 a.m. race day registration), so there is plenty of time to prepare your feast after the race. You can even win a pie to bring home for dessert.



**FUNDRAISER**

Celebrate the season and support Greely Hockey! Greely Hockey is selling poinsettias from Estabrook's for just \$15 each and they are available in a range of popular colors (red, white, pink, and marble). All proceeds benefit the Greely Hockey program.

**Order online today!** Deadline to order is Thursday, November 28th. Pick-up will be on Saturday, November 30th at Greely High School from 8-11am.

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