



Reminders from Town Hall



March 9, 2018

Town News



ecomaine



RECYCLING REMINDER!

Ecomaine will no longer accept #2 and #4 plastic shopping / trash bags. The recycling technology is not able to separate these bags from the paper and cardboard waste stream. The consequences include downtime for recycling conveyor line, lost work time, and contamination of other recyclable materials. Also please don't place your recycling at the curb in trash bags as these are not acceptable either.

NOTE: Casella Waste Systems is enforcing this policy and will not collect your recycling if it is in a plastic bag. Please place all recycling in a trash can, tote bin or card board box labeled RECYCLING.

Thank You!

Questions or Concerns Regarding Pickup Contact **Casella Waste Systems** at (207) 883-9777.
Questions or Concerns Regarding Recycling & Acceptable Waste Contact **ecomaine** at (207) 523-3141



Nomination Papers for the **June 12, 2018 Municipal Election** available now. Nomination papers require a minimum of twenty-five (25) signatures of registered voters but no more than seventy five (75). The deadline to submit nomination papers to the Town Clerk is Thursday, April 12, 2018 before the close of business 5pm.

Open Elected Positions are as follows:

- One seat for Select Board for a 1 year term.
- One seat for Select Board for a 3 year term.
- One seat for MSAD#51 Board of Directors for a 3 year term.
- One seat for Cemetery Commissioner for a 5 year term.
- One seat for Yarmouth Water District Trustee for a 3 year term.
- Three seats for Budget Committee for a 3 year term.



Notice of Public Hearing

Planning Board

Proposed Ordinance Changes

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

7pm in the Town Office Meeting Room

Wescustogo Hall & Community Center Forums

Design Presentation & Community Dialogue



Forum Dates & Times

- Saturday, March 10th at 10 a.m.
- Thursday, March 15th at 7 p.m.

All forums are held at the former Memorial School located at 120 Memorial Highway.

Need a ride? Members of the [Living Well in North Yarmouth Committee](#) will provide transportation to and from the forum. Contact Ginny at (207) 829-3848 to make arrangements.

Want to know more? [Click Here](#)



Looking for your photos!

Debbie is currently building a photo gallery on the Town website [honoring our past and present local Veterans](#). If you, a family member or a friend is a Veteran living in North Yarmouth please Email your photos (in uniform and plain cloths) along with the branch of service served and time period to townclerk@northyarmouth.org or bring your photos to the Town Office and Debbie will scan photos and return the originals immediately.



- 3-10-2018 Community Forum @ NYMS 10am
- 3-12-2018 Living Well in NY 1pm
- 3-13-2018 Planning Board 7pm
- 3-14-2018 Comprehensive Plan Committee @ NYMS 6:30pm
- 3-15-2018 AARP Network of Age Friendly Communities @NYMS 9am
- 3-15-2018 Community Forum @ NYMS 7pm
- 3-20-2018 Select Board 7pm

All proceeds go to the reconstruction of Wescustogo Hall!



For \$20.00 receive a reprint of the
75th Anniversary Cook Book
published originally in 1949 by the
Wescustogo Grange, No. 27

**Available Now
At the
Town Office**

Funds raised to go toward the new
Wescustogo Hall
Sponsored by the
Wescustogo Building & Design Committee

Copies available at the Town Office or mail a check for \$23 (cookbook and postage) made payable to the Town of North Yarmouth to 10 Village Square Road, North Yarmouth, ME 04097 and a copy will be mailed to you

**Change your Clocks
AND your Batteries!**



Clocks “Spring Forward” Sunday

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 11th, as you prepare to “spring forward” one hour, the Fire Rescue Department urges residents to practice fire safety by testing their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and changing the batteries.

Alkaline batteries should be replaced at least once a year, and a good rule of thumb is to change the batteries when you change your clocks.

Working Detectors Save Lives!



REMINDER

The half year payment for real estate taxes is due

Monday, April 2, 2018.

Interest Begins 4/3/2018.

TAX ASSESSMENT information

All assessments are fixed for the upcoming tax year by April 1st of each year. In North Yarmouth, as for most municipalities, the fiscal year begins July 1st and ends June 30th. The tax bills that are issued in August cover the July 1st through June 30th period. The Town bills semi-annually with the 1st half due in first week of October and the 2nd half due in first week of April.

The April 1st date is significant for a number of reasons.

- Ownership of real estate is fixed as of April 1st each year.
- Property values are set as of April 1st of each year meaning that the condition of any improvements are set as of April 1st. Buildings that are under construction are taxed based on the completion as of April 1st. Conversely, any buildings that are demolished, removed, or damaged after April 1st are taxed as of the condition as of April 1st.
- Exemption applications must be received in the Assessor's office prior to April 1st in order to be applicable for the upcoming fiscal year.
 - a. **Homestead Exemption** is for residents that have owned their homestead for 12 months prior to the year of application. The homestead exemption currently amounts to a \$20,000.00 reduction in property value (*\$325.40 tax savings per homestead last billing cycle*).
 - b. **Veteran's Exemption** is for a veteran who served during a federally recognized war period and is 62 years or older; or, is receiving 100% disability as a Veteran; or, became 100% disabled while in the service. Currently, the veteran's exemption amounts to a \$6,000.00 reduction in assessed value (*\$97.62 tax savings*).
 - c. **Blind Exemption** is an exemption available for property owners determined to be legally blind which is currently a \$4,000.00 reduction in value (*\$75.20 tax savings*).

If property is sold after April 1st, the property tax is the responsibility of the owner as of April 1st for the fiscal year. Although taxes are normally prorated at the time of closing with both the buyer and seller required to pay their respective share of the tax, it is important to make sure that the tax bill is forwarded to the new owner and that the entire tax has been paid for the applicable tax year. If the tax is not paid in full, a tax lien may be placed on the property in the name of the owner of record as of April 1st which may have a negative effect on the credit rating of the seller, and if not paid in full, could lead to foreclosure.

Any person that is eligible or may be eligible for exemptions may obtain an application at the Town Office or through the Town Website. Taxpayers having questions may contact the Assessor, Robert Konczal at 829-3705 ext. 209 or by email at assessor@northyarmouth.org



Why does the old owner's name appear on my tax bill?

The statutory assessment date in Maine is April 1st. The Assessor's Office must retain this ownership information for the entire fiscal year that follows. If you purchased your property after April 1st, the previous owner's name remains on the tax bill. Every effort is made to forward tax bills to the new owner. However, if you have not received a tax bill by September 15th you should contact the Tax Collector's Office at 207-829-3705.

Why won't the Town send my tax bill directly to my bank or mortgage company?

The Assessor's billing address information is used by all Town departments for official notification of zoning changes, appeals and other items of significance to property owners. In addition, since mortgages are regularly bought and sold, this would increase the chance for a bill being sent to the incorrect party, delaying payment and incurring interest charges. If your property taxes are held in escrow, simply send a copy of the bill to the mortgage company when you receive it, retaining a copy for your records.

I applied for an exemption on my property, but it didn't show up on my bill. Why is that?

Any application for exemption must be received by April 1st for the upcoming fiscal year. If you filed after April 1st, the exemption will not be applied until the following fiscal year.

Community News

SAFE KIDS MAINE

BENEFIT DINNER

AND SILENT AUCTION



Saturday
March 10, 2018
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Rachel's on the Green
60 Val Halla Road
Cumberland, ME

Homemade Dinner and Dessert • Live Music • Silent Auction

Proceeds benefits Safe Kids Maine, dedicated to helping keep Maine children safe!

SAFE KIDS MAINE

Safe Kids Maine is a program of the Tall Pine Safety Resource Center, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Donation:

\$10 for adults

\$6 children ages 3 – 12

Free for age 3 and under

\$25 per family

Cash and Debit/Credit Cards accepted.

Tickets available at the door or online at www.SafeKidsMaine.org

Please join us for a Potluck dinner and silent auction to benefit Safe Kids Maine, who work here in Maine to prevent injury to children with outreach and education.

Safe Kids Worldwide is a non-profit organization working to help families and communities keep kids safe from injuries. Most people are surprised to learn that preventable injuries are the #1 killer of kids in the United States. Throughout the world, almost one million children die of an injury each year, and almost every one of those tragedies is preventable.

Tickets are \$10 per adult, \$6 per child (3-12) or \$25 per family. Children 3 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at the door, or directly through the [Safe Kids Maine website](http://www.SafeKidsMaine.org).





Mornings With Friends

March 14, 2018 10:00-11:30

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE TO SECOND WEDNESDAY IN MARCH
Congregational Church of Cumberland, 282 Main Street



Squirrel Tales in Maine

Learn about the fascinating world of one of the most ubiquitous wildlife species in Maine. **Dr. Noah Perlut**, professor of biology at the University of New England, will discuss the findings of “**Project Squirrel**”, a student-staffed research program on UNE’s Biddeford campus which explores the movement patterns and survival of the Eastern Gray Squirrel.

Free & Open to the Public
Coffee, Tea & Goodies
FMI – Deborah.gray48@gmail.com
aipcumberland.org (207)829-2205
For Rides Call (207)829-3367




Age-Friendly Regional Get-Together: Cumberland County


Thursday, March 15th 9:00AM – 2:00PM
At the Community Center (NYMS)
120 Memorial Highway, North Yarmouth, ME

FMI: Contact Patricia Oh at (207) 837-5883 or build.afc@gmail.com

North Yarmouth Historical Society



Annual Meeting
and presentation:
Genetic Genealogy and Family Connections



Sunday, March 18, 5 PM
North Yarmouth Congregational Church

Come enjoy North Yarmouth Historical Society's Annual Meeting on **Sunday, March 18, 2018** at the North Yarmouth Congregational Church's Fellowship Hall (3 Gray RD) at 5 PM. Light refreshments, a look ahead to the next few years, AND a special program:

Genetic Genealogy: Genetic DNA is a wonderful new tool to use alongside traditional genealogical research. It can give you clues to the origins of your paternal and maternal lines. It can prove or disprove a genealogical problem and help find unknown family lines. It might find relatives with whom you share a common ancestor.

Nancy Milliken Mason is a genetic genealogist who has been a traditional genealogical researcher for 30+ years. Come hear her stories about genetic DNA. It's fascinating!



Living Well in North Yarmouth
An Age Friendly Community



Weekly events at the Community Center (NYMS) hosted by the members of the **Living Well in North Yarmouth Committee.**

Pickleball:

- Tuesday: 10am – 12 noon
- Thursday: 10am – 12 noon
- Saturday: 9am – 12 noon

A donation of \$2.00 is appreciated.

Ping Pong Play:

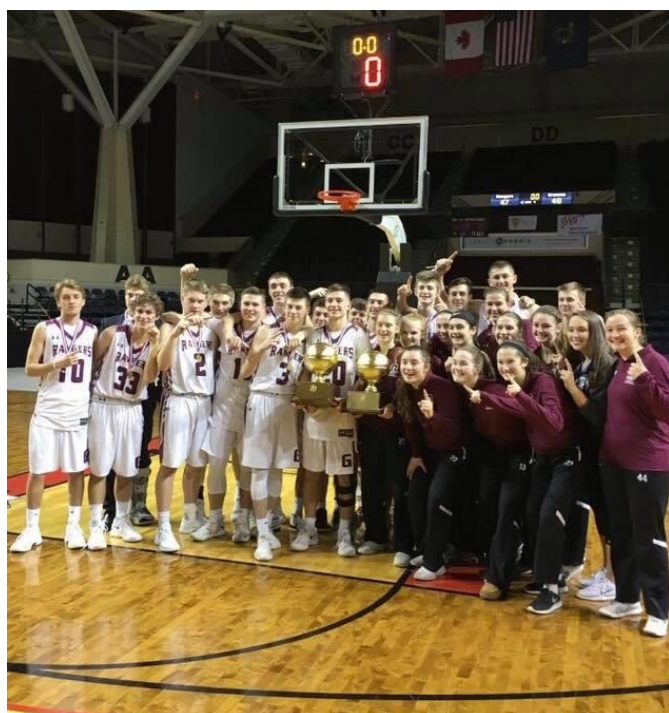
- Wednesday: 6:30pm – 8pm

Fun for All Ages!



MSAD #51
Engage • Empower • Inspire

Congratulations!



Greely Boys & Girls Basketball State Champions!!



Presents
“Robin Hood”
**written by Liz Rollins &
Greely Drama Students**



The legend of Robin Hood comes to life in this contemporary farce about the famous archer and his merry men - and women! Favorites Little John, Will Scarlett and the greedy Sheriff of Nottingham join a gang of wonderful new and mysterious characters. The mystical Witch of Papplewick tries to lure Robin Hood into the world of the forest sprites, Alan a Dale leads a quartet of Madrigal singers, the young ladies of Nottingham do a traditional Maypole dance and even the Beatles make a cameo appearance! Based on the traditional stories, but with some modern twists, this script was written collaboratively by Liz Rollins and Greely Drama students. Join us as their adventures in Sherwood Forest both make us laugh and remind us of the values of generosity and kindness.

Performances are at the Greely High School auditorium on March 22, 23, 24 at 7pm and Sunday, March 25th at 2pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults and 8\$ for students and seniors. Tix are for sale at the door 4-7pm and in the GHS lobby during lunches the week of the show. Family audiences are most welcome! 115min. www.greelydramaboosters.org