



# Monthly Department Report

**July 2022** 

# **POLICE**

### **Activity**

Newmarket Police 3-year comparable statistics for the month of July 2022.

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Total calls for service	1664	1613	1802
Motor vehicle stops	342	383	122
Arrests	15	6	4
Offense reports	51	30	51
M/V accidents	6	8	4
Parking tickets	32	48	43
Drug overdoses	1	0	1
Alarms	11	11	16
Death investigations	1	1	0
Mental health related	44	8	2
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During the month of July, the Newmarket Police Dispatch Center documented 1664 calls for service. We investigated fifty-one criminal complaints that required investigations into 45 of them. The cases involved Fraud, Juvenile Matters, Harassment, Criminal Mischief, Burglary, Felony Level Criminal Mischief, Theft, Disturbances, Domestic Violence, Second Degree Assault, Sexual Assault, Littering, Stalking, and Child Abuse. We had several incidents involving motor vehicles and alcohol. Those incidents resulted in charges of Driving Under the Influence, Minor Transporting Alcohol and Possession of False Identification. We continue to respond to numerous Civil Disputes which include Landlord/Tenant Issues, Child Custody Exchanges and Property Ownership.

We responded to numerous Mental Health related calls along with several welfare checks. We responded to 11 welfare checks at one residence alone. The resident had recently lost a family member and was distraught. Numerous services were offered to this

resident to include transportation to the hospital, contacting mental health support and contacting counselors. All offers were declined. Eventually her family was able to provide the help she needed.

We responded to numerous calls involving animals including dogs locked in vehicles, a dog struck by a vehicle, bear sightings, two escaped piglets, a dog bite, a bat inside a residence and two baby deer located near an air conditioner. As the warm weather is upon us, we remind people to be mindful of how the heat could be dangerous to their animals. We received several reports of dogs locked in vehicles on some of the hottest days. We also responded to a residence on Schanda Drive after receiving a report from the State Veterinarian. A dog had been rescued from a "Rabies Banned Country" and now the dog must be quarantined. We followed up with the owner to make sure they were aware of the quarantine guidelines.

Motor vehicle complaints continue to be high. Reports of speeding cars, reckless operation and aggressive driving have topped the list of complaints. We have been increasing motor vehicle patrols and visibility in reported problem areas. We have also added some grant funded patrols focused on curbing speeding, hands free operation and impaired driving.

### Some of the calls we handled this month:

- Officers responded to the area of Main Street near the bandstand for a reported fight. When the officers arrived, the parties involved refused to cooperate and tell them what had gone on. A few subjects were identified, however no one talked about the fight.
- We responded to a residence for a report of criminal mischief, vandalism and burglary. It was reported a group broke into a house and damaged a Porsche.
   This case is still under investigation.
- We received a report from a bicyclist that he was assaulted while riding down the
  road. According to the bicyclist he was riding down the road and observed some
  political signs he disagreed with. The bicyclist yelled profanity at the resident who
  was sitting outside. A family member heard the yelling and according to the

- bicyclist chased after him in a car. The car passed the bicyclist and the family member exited the vehicle to confront the bicyclist. During the encounter it was reported the family member struck the bicyclist with her hand. There were no reported injuries.
- We responded to the Rec Center for a parking issue. Due to the extreme heat
  the splash pad was being utilized by a sizeable group of people. Many vehicles
  had parked in the emergency access road. Officers responded and cleared the
  road, directing people to appropriate parking areas.
- We received a report of a female in a parking lot that appeared to be in distress.
   Officers arrived and found a female in both a medical and mental health crisis.
   Officers were able to get emergency medical services to the scene and see that she received the appropriate help she needed. The officers later followed up with her roommate to let them know she had gone to the hospital.
- Officers initiated a motor vehicle stop after witnessing a vehicle with an expired inspection sticker. The vehicle would not stop for the officer and a brief pursuit ensued. Officers broke off the pursuit immediately due to the speeds and danger to the community. The same vehicle was involved in a motor vehicle pursuit in Durham and Dover shortly after it drove through Newmarket. As of the time of this report the driver has not been identified.
- We received a report from a resident who had been notified via an alert from her husband's Garmin that he had fallen off his bicycle. The caller spoke with her husband who seemed disoriented. Officers located the subject and were able to direct emergency medical services to his location.
- Officers helped a subject who was house sitting gain entry to the residence after she was locked out. The officer was able to open a first-floor window and help the caller gain access through the window.
- Officers received a call from a subject who was lost and trying to get to Dover.
   When officers arrived at her location, they observed numerous signs of impairment. After a series of tests, the caller was placed under arrest for DUI Impairment.

- Officers were on a call on Exeter Street when they observed a group of young
  people at the Dino-Mart. The Dino-Mart was closed and the people were making
  enough noise that it drew the attention of the officers. Officers investigated to find
  they were trying to buy gas. The investigation also revealed that they possessed
  alcohol and none of them were 21. They were all taken into custody.
- Officers took a report of clothes stolen from the laundromat. The caller left his
  clothes overnight and when he returned, they were gone. Officers were able to
  view video footage at the laundromat and from nearby buildings to determine
  who had taken the clothing. The suspect was identified and the clothing was
  returned to the owner.
- Officers responded to a report of a subject in both a mental and physical health crisis. When they arrived, officers learned the subject was experiencing drug induced paranoia and mental health crisis. The subject reportedly held someone against their will by brandishing a knife and later assaulted the same person.
   After determining that she had an altered mental status officers summoned medical assistance. Officers transported the subject to the hospital along with the ambulance personnel for evaluation.
- Officers received a report of a hit and run accident involving a building. The caller
  witnessed a truck hit a building and then drive off. The officers later located the
  vehicle and its operator. Charges of Conduct After an Accident have been filed in
  this case.



### **Motor Vehicle Accidents**

Motor vehicle crashes were down this month with a total of 6.

Officers responded to the Wiggin Conservation area off of Grant Road for a reported motor vehicle crash. A jeep left the roadway after reporting a vehicle failed to signal. The jeep crashed over some rocks, bushes and brush coming to rest in the field.



Officers responded to the intersection of Exeter Road and Bennett Way for a reported motor vehicle crash. A vehicle traveling south on Exeter Road was struck by a vehicle pulling out of Bennett Way. The operator of an Audi misjudged the intersection and struck the rear of a Hyundai. Thankfully no one was injured.



### **Personnel**

We currently have an open position for police officer and dispatcher that we are trying to fill. We will soon be advertising a part-time parking enforcement position. We have several candidates that are being considered for these positions.

## **Training**

Sgt. Schmidt and Officer McGlouhlin attended the NH NAMI Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Mental Health Awareness & De-escalation Training at Lee Police Department. The 40-hour CIT program originated in Memphis, TN after an officer involved shooting of an individual with mental illness. CIT highlights best practices, improves community partnerships, and helps communities develop processes to serve people affected by mental illness with respect and dignity.



School Resource Officers Gott and McFadden attended Tactical School Resource Officer Training in Somersworth. These officers would likely be the first responders on scene if an incident occurred at one of our schools. This training highlights tactics and techniques for deploying as a solo or dual team entity into an active threat incident.

# **Parking Violations**

In July patrol officers issued 32 parking tickets. We continue to be active in parking enforcement in the downtown area. We have noticed a change in parking behavior as our patrols have become more consistent. The public parking areas around downtown are

being utilized more often by vehicles that remain for the day. This has cleared up some of the parking issues downtown.

### <u>Fleet</u>

Currently our fleet is in good working condition. We are making preparations to find our next police cruiser. The market is currently depleted, and we may have to change brands to fill our needs this year.

### Police Station Maintenance

Most of the police station is up to date and in good working order. We recently made preparations to have our camera system updated. We are waiting for parts and supplies to come in. Allied Universal will replace some of the cameras that are not working and add cameras to a few areas that are not currently covered by the cameras we have. Everything else seems to be in good working order.

### **Drug Related Issues**

The month of July saw an uptick in drug activity. We responded to numerous medical calls that were related to drug issues. On July 11th we responded to an opioid overdose where officers deployed three rounds of Narcan. The individual became responsive after the narcan was deployed but refused further medical treatment. Alcohol continues to be a significant problem for us. We had many incidents related to alcohol including domestic disturbances, people driving impaired, and people being so intoxicated we had to take them into custody to protect their welfare.

Below are the following statistics for Heroin/Opiate related overdoses and deaths since the inception of the Newmarket Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (N-ASAP).

2015- 45 Overdoses with four deaths resulting

2016- 22 Overdoses with two deaths resulting

**2017**- 15 Overdoses with two deaths resulting

2018- 6 Overdoses with two deaths resulting

**2019**- 3 Overdoses with one death resulting

2020- 8 Overdoses with two deaths resulting

**2021-** 4 Overdoses with one death resulting

### 2022 - 4 Overdoses

The police department's culture with regards to the opiate epidemic has evolved from "arrest and incarcerate" to "intervene and assist with recovery" when it comes to individuals who are addicted to opiates. It is my personal and professional belief that we cannot arrest our way out of this epidemic. Even if we tried that route, the cost to the taxpayers would be astronomical. Furthermore, the county jails and the state prison could not house all arrested "users." With that being said, we will **NOT** tolerate anyone who sells, distributes, or dispenses any of this poison that is in our community. If anyone is caught selling, distributing, or dispensing narcotics we will fully prosecute them.

# **Community Policing**

Our trading card program has been a tremendous success. Numerous young citizens have collected the entire set and come to the station to show us. Below are some pictures of officers with citizens who have collected all the cards. Below is a picture of Officer Sheehan and a local resident. She selected ice cream with Officer Sheehan as her prize for collecting all of the department baseball cards.



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School Resource Officer Gott was able to provide a" Ride to Rec Camp" for two young campers as their prize for collecting all the cards.

Detective Wedgeworth continues to help the community with car seat installations. Detective Wedgeworth has installed numerous seats this month. This is a free service offered to anyone that needs help. Anyone wishing to set up an appointment should contact the station and ask for Detective Wedgeworth.

We were flagged down by two juvenile males in the parking lot of the high school. They were looking for bicycle helmets which we were able to provide. Each year we receive a donation of bicycle helmets from the state to give to those in need.

We continue to conduct patrols in the evening in the downtown area beyond our normal patrols. We refer to these as" community policing patrols" and are geared towards officers getting out of the cruisers and making contact with people around town. This is an extra patrol officer that can dedicate his/her time to this task. Officers have been checking in with local businesses, addressing parking issues, helping with pedestrian traffic and making contact with people around the downtown. We have also conducted some grant funded pedestrian/bicycle patrols in the downtown area and in the area of the schools.

# Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget

Fuel consumption continues to be a concern as we move forward. We have made efforts to reduce fuel consumption when possible. The finance office is still calculating the end of the year numbers for 2021/2022, but I am confident we stayed within our budget. 2022/2023 is on track so far.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Jordan

Police Chief

# **FIRE AND RESCUE**

In July the Department responded to 116 calls for service; 79 of which were medical calls, transporting 56 patients to area hospitals. The ambulance responded to Newfields for seven medicals transporting five patients. Mutual aid was requested to Exeter, Durham and Greenland for building fires. The command truck responded to Stratham, Barrington and Portsmouth for scheduled events. It was an extremely busy month once again for the department overall.

Crews on scene of a brush fire in Durham.



The department attended a touch a truck event in Stratham that was held at Stratham Hill Park.



Lt. Jarosz rolling hose after a recent fire. This past month was very busy for us.



I have attached charts with activity reports for the month of July.

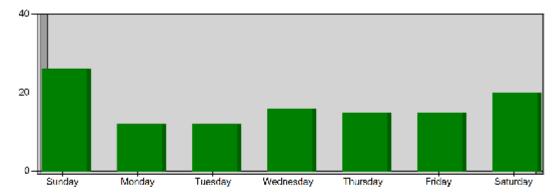
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### Incidents by Day of the Week for Date Range

Start Incident Type: 100 | End Incident Type: 911 | Start Date: 07/01/2022 | End Date: 07/31/2022



DAY OF THE WEEK	# INCIDENTS	
Sunday	26	
Monday	12	
Tuesday	12	
Wednesday	16	
Thursday	15	
Friday	15	
Saturday	20	

TOTAL 116

Only Reviewed incidents included.



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### Incident Detail for Aid Given and Received for Incident Type Range for Date Range

Incident Type Range: 100 - 911 | StartDate: 07/01/2022 | EndDate: 07/31/2022

INCIDENT DATE	CIDENT DATE   INCIDENT #   ADDRESS   INCIDENT TYPE		SHIFT	
AID TYPE: Mutua				
07/03/2022	2022-545	Rosemary LN	900 - Special type of incident, other	1 - Station 1
07/22/2022	2022-612	College RD	College RD 321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	
07/22/2022	2022-614	300 Durham Point RD	00 Durham Point RD 141 - Forest, woods or wildland fire	
07/25/2022	2022-624	10 Stony Water RD	111 - Building fire	1 - Station 1

Percentage of Total Incidents:

3.45%

AID TYPE: Mutua	l aid received			
07/04/2022	2022-549	165 Piscassic RD	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	1 - Station 1
07/09/2022	2022-558	1A N Main ST	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	1 - Station 1
07/09/2022	2022-560	21 Lamprey River Trailer PARK	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	1 - Station 1
07/10/2022	2022-564	4 Packers Falls RD	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	1 - Station 1
07/11/2022	2022-568	257 Ash Swamp RD	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	1 - Station 1
07/16/2022	2022-583	9 Grant RD	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	1 - Station 1
07/17/2022	2022-586	125 Main Street	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	1 - Station 1
07/17/2022	2022-590	9 Granite ST	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	1 - Station 1
07/23/2022	2022-618	245 Wadleigh Falls LN	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	1 - Station 1
07/30/2022	2022-644	9 Grant RD	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	1 - Station 1
07/30/2022	2022-645	33 Exeter ST	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	1 - Station 1
07/31/2022	2022-646	33 Briallia CIR	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	1 - Station 1

Percentage of Total Incidents:

10.34%

Displays all incidents with aid given or received, and excludes incidents with neither. Percentages calculated from total number of incidents for parameters provided. Only REVIEWED incidents included.



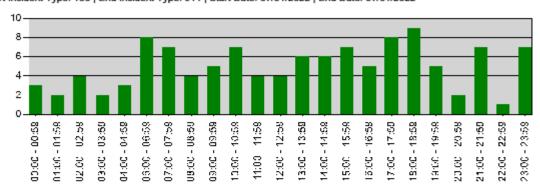
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### Incidents per Hour for Incident Type Range for Date Range

Start Incident Type: 100 | End Incident Type: 911 | Start Date: 07/01/2022 | End Date: 07/31/2022



HOUR	# of CALLS
00:00 - 00:59	3
01:00 - 01:59	2
02:00 - 02:59	4
03:00 - 03:59	2
04:00 - 04:59	3
06:00 - 06:59	8
07:00 - 07:59	7
08:00 - 08:59	4
09:00 - 09:59	5
10:00 - 10:59	7
11:00 - 11:59	4
12:00 - 12:59	4
13:00 - 13:59	6
14:00 - 14:59	6
15:00 - 15:59	7
16:00 - 16:59	5
17:00 - 17:59	8
18:00 - 18:59	9
19:00 - 19:59	5
20:00 - 20:59	2
21:00 - 21:59	7
22:00 - 22:59	1
23:00 - 23:59	7
TOTAL:	116

Only REVIEWED incidents included.



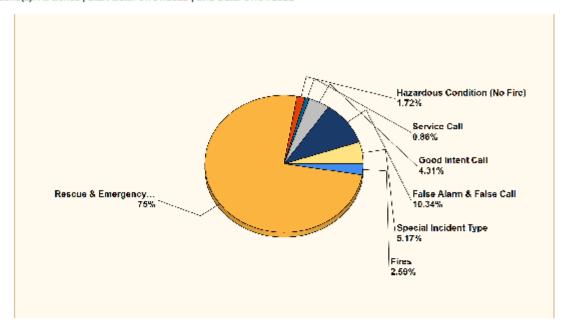
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 07/01/2022 | End Date: 07/31/2022



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	3	2.59%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	87	75%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	2	1.72%
Service Call	1	0.86%
Good Intent Call	5	4.31%
False Alarm & False Call	12	10.34%
Special Incident Type	6	5.17%
TOTAL	116	100%

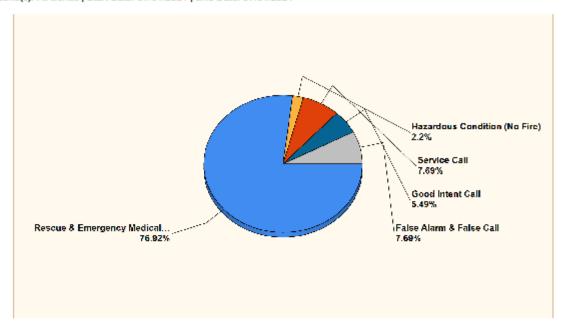


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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 07/01/2021 | End Date: 07/31/2021



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	70	76.92%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	2	2.2%
Service Call	7	7.69%
Good Intent Call	5	5.49%
False Alarm & False Call	7	7.69%
TOTAL	91	100%

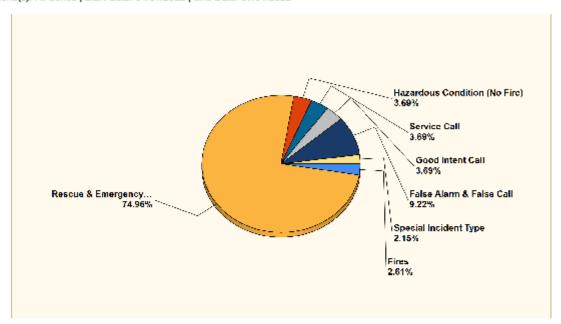


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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 01/01/2022 | End Date: 07/31/2022



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	17	2.61%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	488	74.96%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	24	3.69%
Service Call	24	3.69%
Good Intent Call	24	3.69%
False Alarm & False Call	60	9.22%
Special Incident Type	14	2.15%
TOTAL	651	100%

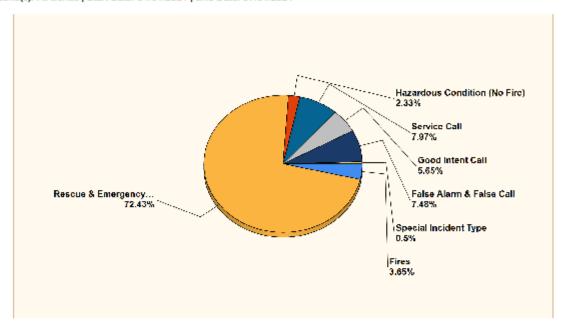


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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 01/01/2021 | End Date: 07/31/2021



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	22	3.65%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	436	72.43%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	14	2.33%
Service Call	48	7.97%
Good Intent Call	34	5.65%
False Alarm & False Call	45	7.48%
Special Incident Type	3	0.5%
TOTAL	602	100%



# **PUBLIC WORKS**

The New Road Drainage project is ahead of schedule at this time by several weeks. 90% of the drainage is currently installed and all of the water main is complete. Paving will be done in September.

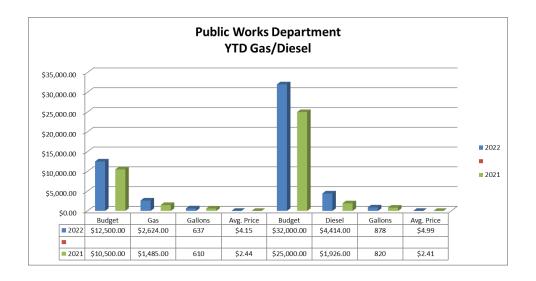


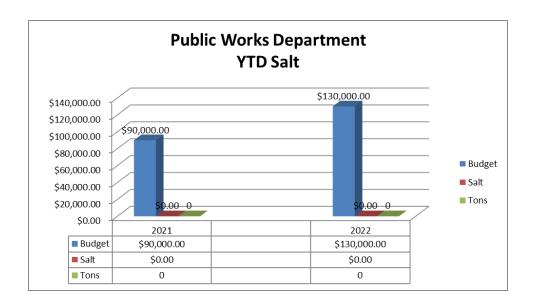
The milling and paving of South Main Street have been completed. This was the final task of the water main replacement project which began last year. This project is now at final completion.

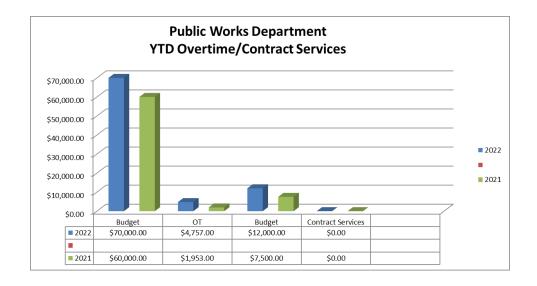


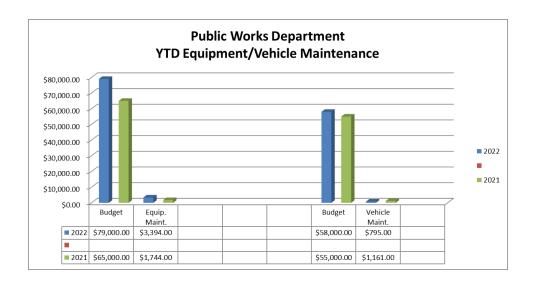
The crews have been busy raising catch basins and cleaning them. The crack sealing has been completed for this season. We will begin work on the New Road sidewalk in August. A new retainment wall will be constructed first, to make room for the sidewalk at the brook crossing, and then the curbing will be installed up to the intersection at Young Lane.

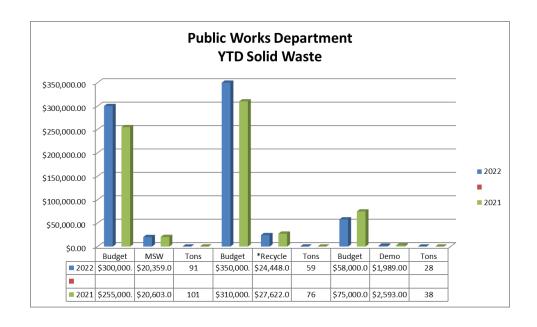
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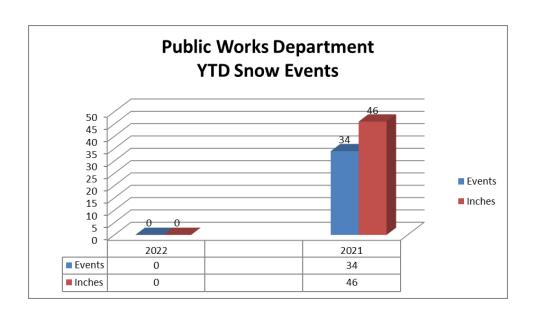






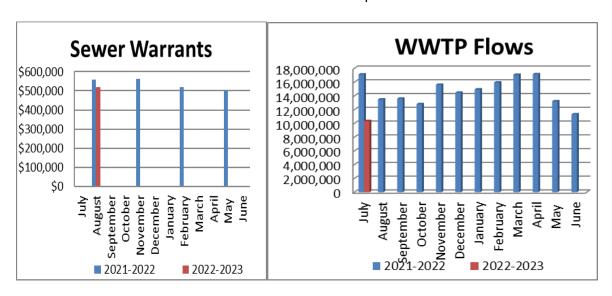






### **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Wastewater Department



The wastewater treatment facility treated 10.5 million gallons of water for July 2022. The facility removed 99% of the Biochemical Oxygen Demand and 99% of the total suspended solids. The facility discharged on average 1.6 mg/L of total nitrogen per day for a total of 198 total pounds of total nitrogen discharged for the month of July 2022.

The Wastewater Department received 249,716 gallons of septage during the month of July. The past trickling filter treatment process that Newmarket had could not handle septage very well. Newmarket's current wastewater treatment plant process does very well with processing septage. The Department received \$24,972 in revenue from septage for the month of July 2022.

The Department has found a new polymer to use with the Huber press. We have jar tested the polymer, and it appears to do a better job with press dewatering the solids at a lower cost. We began using the new polymer at the end of July.

The Sewer Department currently has two open operator positions. We are actively looking for individuals to fill the open positions.

# **Huber Press and Sludge Report**

Press ran for - 25 days

Total hours operated – 321.8 hrs

Total gallons pumped – 694,404 gal

Average feed sludge percentage - 0.50%

Average feed sludge temp – 27.2°c

Average filtrate percentage - 0.11%

Average filtrate temp - 26.3°c

Average capture rate - 77%

Average sludge solids percentage – 19.83%

Total monthly sludge tonnage – 59.64 tons

### Monthly Operations Report Newmarket WPCF Permit # NH00100196 July-2022 Primary Operator Sean Greig Inf. Flow Eff. Flow MGD BOD TSS РΗ Chlorine Nitrogen Fecal Enter MGD Min | Max | Total Inf. Eff. Inf. Eff. Inf. Eff. Colif. ococci Residual .3326 .04 0.9 .3310 7.7 7.3 0.00 0.00 4 1 2 0.00 0.00 .3130 .07 | 1.1 .3390 7.4 7.3 <2 <1 3 .2906 .2640 0.00 0.00 .04 | 0.8 7.7 7.3 <2 1 7.7 7.3 <2 0.00 0.00 .3115 .04 0.9 .2900 <1 5 1.5 0.00 0.00 .3422 .04 | 1.0 .3700 3.1 1.3 7.3 7.2 2 <1 6 .3565 1.2 .3740 2.9 1.8 7.5 7.3 0.00 0.00 .12 <2 12 7 .3322 .03 | 1.0 7.1 7.2 0.00 0.00 .3220 <2 1 8 .3285 .03 | 1.0 .3090 7.8 7.3 <2 0.00 0.00 <1 .3228 .05 8.0 .3030 7.7 7.3 <2 <1 0.21 0.00 10 0.00 0.00 .3368 .05 | 0.9 .3170 7.6 7.3 <2 1 11 0.00 0.00 .3468 .05 | 1.0 .3500 7.2 7.3 <2 1 12 .3408 3.9 7.3 7.3 0.00 0.00 .04 | 1.0 .3660 3.1 1.6 <2 5 13 .3398 .05 | 1.2 .3660 4.0 7.1 7.3 0.00 0.00 2.1 1600 866 14 0.00 0.00 .3458 .05 1.0 .3660 7.4 7.3 8 1 15 .3280 0.9 .3910 7.4 7.3 0.00 0.00 .05 <2 7.5 7.3 0.00 0.00 16 .3158 .04 8.0 .3050 <2 <1 17 .3299 7.8 7.3 0.00 0.00 .03 0.9 .3050 <2 <1 0.00 0.00 18 .3432 .3750 7.7 7.3 <2 .00 1.1 4 19 .3529 .09 1.3 .3490 5.9 1.2 1.7 7.5 7.3 <2 1 0.00 0.00 20 .3421 .06 | 1.2 .3190 507 | 5.6 | 388 | 1.8 7.5 7.2 17 5 0.00 0.00 21 .3515 .3580 0.00 0.00 .03 | 1.1 7.5 7.3 <2 <1 22 0.00 0.00 .3244 .05 l 0.8 .3190 7.3 7.3 <2 <1 0.00 0.00 23 .3186 .04 8.0 .3070 7.5 7.3 <2 <1 7.6 7.3 0.00 0.00 24 .3381 .03 8.0 .3070 <2 1 25 <2 0.00 0.00 .3759 .03 | 1.2 .3950 7.3 7.3 6 0.00 0.00 26 .3371 .09 1.2 .3350 366 | 4.4 | 290 | 1.9 7.4 7.4 1.7 4 18 0.00 0.00 27 .3365 4.2 7.7 7.4 .05 1.1 .3150 1.4 <2 12 0.00 0.00 28 .3417 1.1 .3150 7.3 7.3 2 .05 14 29 .3403 .04 1.1 .3300 7.6 7.3 <2 0.00 0.00 6 0.00 0.00 30 .3151 .05 8.0 .3070 7.6 7.3 <2 <1

Average Wastewater Flow Discharged: 0.3775 Million Gallons/Day; Total gallons discharged 10,350,000

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Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) Removal: 99%, Average Discharge per day: 4.3 mg/L; Permit Limit 30mg/L

Total Suspended Solids (TSS) Removal: 99%, Average Discharge per day: 1.9 mg/L; Permit Limit 30 mg/L

Total Nitrogen (TN) Average Discharge per day: 1.6 mg/L, 4.4 lbs; Permit Limit 30 lbs/day

### **Water Warrants Water Pumped from Wells** 14,000,000 \$350,000 12,000,000 \$300,000 \$250,000 10,000,000 \$200,000 8,000,000 \$150,000 6,000,000 \$100,000 4,000,000 \$50,000 2,000,000 February January March October March April January September November December Jecember April October ebruary Novembei **2021-2022 2022-2023** 2021-2022 **2022-2023**

Water Department

Tucker Well Project continues to move ahead. The Contractor has installed a couple of thousand feet of watermain. However, while installing the watermain, they have run into ledge and will need to blast. The electrical poles have been installed. The next step is to install the hardware and electrical lines on the new poles.

The New Road Project is moving along very well. The watermain is installed and in service. The drainage pipe and headwalls should be completely installed by the middle of August. The contractor will be installing the drainage structure at the corner of New Road and Center Street and performing cleanup during the last two weeks of August.

The Bennett and Sewall Well Project is progressing. The foundation, CMU Walls, and roof trusses have been installed. The contractor plans on buttoning up the roof and installing the electrical service next. Once the roof and the electrical service are complete, the trades can come in and install the well components. The project is expected to be completed in the beginning of November.

Currently the MacIntosh Well and the Bennett Well are supplying the Town with water. Both wells currently have sufficient water levels for the Town to remain at stage 2. The public is required to restrict lawn watering to every other day based on address and calendar day. Even address water on even calendar days and odd address water on odd days.

PWS 1731010	- Newmarke	t Water Work	S			
Water Quality	Monitoring					
Sampled By_	BMT					
	Monthly Mo	onitoring For	July 2022			
Location	Date/Time	PH	Temp 'C	PO4 mg/L	Free Cl2 mg/L	Total Coliform
Lamprey	7/12/2022 0825	8.74	18.1	0.42	0.09	Absent
Racquet Club	7/12/2022 0845	8.22	20.9	1.48	0.34	Absent
L+M	7/12/2022 0800	8.28	20.1	0.71	0.06	Absent
Aubuchon	7/20/2022 0935	8.37	20.9	0.54	0.15	Absent
Public Works	7/20/2022 0855	8.48	24.7	0.58	0.05	Absent
Town Hall	7/20/2022 0915	8.33	20.8	0.46	0.36	Absent
Well Site	Date/Time	PH	Temp 'C	Specific Conductance us/cm	PO4 mg/L	Free Cl2 mg/L
Bennett	7/12/2022 0650	8.49	15.7	307	0.17	0.2
Sewall	Off	Line	6/7/2022	For upgrade		
MTWTP	7/12/2022 0720	7.83	15	611	1.29	0.46
Bennett	7/20/2022 1313	8.21	11.8		0.28	0.15
Sewall	Off	Line	6/7/2022	For upgrade		
MTWTP	7/20/2022 1345	7.94	15.3		0.98	0.56

Water system bacteria testing for the month of July passed.

	JULY PUMPING TOTALS 2022						
Date	Bennett	185/210 gpm	Sewall	265 gpm	Mac Well	300 gpm	
	Hrs	Gallons	Hrs	Gallons	Hrs	Gallons	Total
1	13.5	195,425			15.3	276,010	471,435
2	12.7	159,413			12.0	215,300	374,713
3	13.3	166,868			12.9	231,900	398,768
4	15.3	192,227			14.8	266,910	459,137
5	13.4	168,089			13.0	234,010	402,099
6	13.0	154,617			12.7	229,000	383,617
7	14.1	177,201			12.6	226,300	403,501
8	14.1	176,714			14.8	266,110	442,824
9	16.4	187,097			14.9	269,310	456,407
10	15.1	167,185			14.8	267,910	435,095
11	18.8	208,050			16.7	299,910	507,960
12	15.0	166,620			14.2	255,410	422,030
13	14.5	160,235			13.9	251,210	411,445
14	13.7	152,242			12.6	228,000	380,242
15	15.3	169,830			14.4	259,810	429,640
16	15.8	175,491			15.1	272,410	447,901
17	14.2	156,940			13.6	245,310	402,250
18	15.4	170,176			14.9	267,810	437,986
19	14.7	162,650			14.2	256,610	419,260
20	17.4	192,758			16.8	302,010	494,768
21	15.5	173,945			11.6	209,400	383,345
22	15.4	171,348			14.9	269,410	440,758
23	15.7	173,678			15.2	273,210	446,888
24	15.1	167,485			14.6	262,810	430,295
25	13.5	149,752			13.1	235,610	385,362
26	13.4	149,273			13.0	234,210	383,483
27	14.5	160,950			14.5	252,910	413,860
28	14.1	156,510			13.6	245,610	402,120
29	14.9	165,900			14.1	253,410	419,310
30	14.2	157,672			13.1	235,910	393,582
31	15.3	168,790			15.9	285,210	454,000
Total	457.3	5,255,131	0.0	0	437.8	7,878,950	13,134,081
AVG. Day	14.8	169,520	0.0	#DIV/0!	14.1	254,160	423,680
Max Day	18.8	208,050	0.0	0	16.8	302,010	507,960

# BUILDING SAFETY, ZONING ENFORCEMENT AND HEALTH

# July 2022 Permits

Permits	Number of Permits	Revenue Collected
Residential		
Addition/Alteration	8	\$8,484.00
New Dwelling	5	\$11,980.00
Electrical	9	\$1,035.00
Mechanical	4	\$500.00
Solar	3	\$610.00
Misc	6	\$1,060.00
Pool	1	\$80.00
Demolition	1	\$50.00
Plumbing	3	\$350.00
Total	40	\$ 24,149.00

# **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

### **Planning Board Applications and Activities**

The Planning Board acted on and discussed the following applications and items during the month of July:

**Development Applications** 

Address & Tax Map:0 Great Hill, Tax Map U5 Lot 57T

**Zoning district:** R2

Permitting phase: Application Acceptance / Review

Proposed use: Installation of 3 antennas with associated infrastructure on the Water

Tower

Permit sought: Major Site Plan

**Applicant:** Town of Newmarket and Qualtek Wireless

The Planning Board unanimously approved major site plan application for the installation of 3 antennas to be installed onto the Town's water tower. The Town had entered into an agreement with Dish Wireless for the proposed installation, however, needed site plan review before the installation could occur. Planning Board conditioned the approval with the applicant confirming the existence of a utility easement to access the site.

Address & Tax Map: 19 & 21 Packers Falls Road, Tax Map U1 - Lot 3 & Tax Map U1

Lot 4

**Zoning district:** R2

Proposed use: Boundary Line Adjustment, single-family use

**Permit sought:** Boundary Line Adjustment

Applicant: Tina Russell and Philip & Laura Lavoie

The Planning Board unanimously approved the boundary line adjustment application as it met all the standards within the subdivision regulations and neither lot was becoming nonconforming or more nonconforming.

Address & Tax Map: 11 Chapel Street, 11 Chapel Street, LLC Tax Map U2 Lot 3

**Zoning district:** M-2

Proposed use: Multi-family residential

Permit sought: Major Site Plan Review

Applicant: 11 Chapel Street, LLC

The applicant introduced the project which was before last before the Board in 2021 to convert a barn into retail bicycle shop. The modified application sought to convert the barn into a residential dwelling unit. The major obstacle the application faced was providing enough on-site parking spaces. The Board and the applicant came to an agreement that more spaces should be provided. The Board asked the applicant to return with a revised plan depicting the required amount of spaces for the lot's proposed use and continued the public hearing to the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Address & Tax Map: 3 Railroad Street. CC Railroad Street Newmarket LLC, Map U3 -

138A

**Zoning district:** M2-A

Proposed use: Multi-family redevelopment

Permit sought: Design Review—Site Plan Review and Special Permit

**Applicant:** CC 5 Railroad Street

The applicant introduced the project which intended to redevelop a legally nonconforming building on a legally nonconforming lot to host an 8 unit multi-family structure with appurtenant infrastructure. The Planning Board and the applicant discussed items such as snow storage, erosion control, landscaping, lighting plan, parking and confirmation of lot lines abutting the railroad land. Applicant request a waiver to submit a certified survey to which the Planning Board denied as they wanted to ascertain the location of the property line between the subject parcel and land on which the railroad line is located. The Board continued the public hearing to the August 9, 2022 meeting and scheduled a Technical Review Committee meeting to resolve outstanding issues before the next meeting.

Address & Tax Map: 25 Beech St Ext, Tax Map U3, Lots 148 & 149-1

**Zoning district**: M-2

Proposed use: Lounge and Winery

Permit sought: Design Review—Site Plan

**Applicant:** Spencer Montgomery

The applicant introduced the project which intended to convert the downstairs of an existing building into a winery and wine bar. The project would be phased take a few years to come into fruition, considering the state and federal approvals required to operate a winery. The idea of the design review application was to brainstorm and solicit comments from the Planning Board. The major point of discussion revolved around

parking. The Planning Board was receptive to the idea and directed the applicant to work with the Planning Department in preparing a definitive site plan application.

### **Impact Fee Presentation**

The Board was presented with a presentation from Director Sean Greig and Michael Curry of Wright Pierce Engineering on proposed amendments to Section 32-238 *Impact Fees*. The Planning Board supported the direction of Director Sean Greig to move towards a single-system development charge. One of the major recommendations from the Board was to consider how Accessory Dwelling Units would be affected by the proposed change.

### **Zoning Board of Adjustment Applications / Petitions**

Zoning Board of Adjustment did not review any cases for the month of July.

### Other Projects and Noteworthy Items

The Department Planning and Community Development is in the process of evaluating the feasibility of pursuing several grant opportunities. To wit: the department is exploring the InvestNH Municipal Planning & Zoning Grant program to assist in the re-zoning of North Main Street, which was identified by both Town Council and the Planning Board as a priority item. A municipality under this segment of the InvestNH grant program is eligible to receive up to \$100,000.00 for any rezoning efforts that expand housing opportunities. Application acceptance commences in August and the Planning Department anticipates submitting an application in the coming months after additional data points are collected for the application. For information about the Invest NH Program, click on the following link: <a href="https://www.nheconomy.com/about-us/investnh">https://www.nheconomy.com/about-us/investnh</a>

In addition to the InvestNH grant opportunity, after consultation with the Riverfront Advisory Committee ("RAC"), the Department intends to submit a grant application for the Plan NH Community Design Charrette Program in order to understand how the community currently uses the riverfront area and how they imagine to use it in the future. This information will help the town better plan and design plans for the riverfront area RAC is developing specific questions for the application that they want the charrette to help answer. The application is projected to be submitted in late September, and if awarded a grant, hold the charrette next May or June. For information about the Plan NH Design Charrette program can be found by clicking on the following link: https://plannh.org/programs/charrettes

### **Financials**

Fiscal	Budget(\$)	MTD Transactions (\$)	YTD Transactions (\$)	Balance (\$)	Spent
Year					(%)
2023	155,496.00	9,309.10	9,309.10	146,186.90	5.3
2022	154,864.87	18,924.43	18,924.43	135,940.00	13.5

# **FINANCE**

This report will briefly explain the departments' activities for the month of July.

- 1. Revenues came in at the same percent level as the prior year (67% collected), and expenses for both the general fund and special revenue funds (library, recreation revolving, solid waste, water and sewer) were at 17% for the month versus 12% and 11% respectively. The difference was due to increases in some commodities costs and debt services payments made in the month that weren't made in the same month of the prior year.
- 2. During the year, July is typically devoted to year end closing processes and preparing for the annual financial audit. This year has been no different. Carol and the team worked with the departments to gather all the final invoices and receipts from vendors and entered them, collected grant expenditure data, reconciled transactions, reviewed and updated capital assets, requested investment information for the Trust Fund accounts (cemetery trusts, common trusts and capital reserves) and reviewed for final reporting to the Attorney Generals office, collected information from scholarship recipients so they would receive their checks prior to leaving for college, and a host of other financial functions performed every month. Additionally, all the governmental and business unit (water and sewer) debt information was reviewed and to reflect the recent refinancing and retirement of debt. As noted in last month's report, the audit will be in late August and it is anticipated that we will also have a Single Audit as the town received close to, if not over \$750,000 in federal grant funds.
- 3. In the Human Resources area, much of the staff time has been devoted to payroll, accounts payables, providing data for the municipal salary and compensation survey, and annual employee compensation adjustments. In August, the team will be retrieving and compiling data for the annual financial audit as well as assisting in budget development, in addition to its normal activities.

### Financials:

Budge	et N	MTD T	ransactions	YTD Transactions	Balance	% Spent	
FY2023	\$296,56	4	\$14,290.49	\$14,290.49	\$28	82,273.99	4.8
FY2022	\$290,88	6	\$14,742.94	\$14,742.94	\$2	76,142.57	5.1

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

This report outlines the department's activities for the month of July.

#### Information Technology:

- 1. July was a normal month with 20 support tickets equaling 2.27 hours of service time. Six of those were related to our Veeam Backup utility, so had nothing to do with end user requests. Meaning we really had 16 support requests. The issues were generally related to email connectivity and whitelisting of support addresses enabling them to be allowed through the firewall.
- 2. Due to a new employee and pent-up demand from various departments (NPD, REC and DES specifically), there has been a surge of IT equipment expenditure requests, for laptops, desktops and monitors. The orders have been placed with vendors and the expense is likely to be reported in August.
- Work was done this month to establish a more consistent connection between the new water treatment facility and the town network to insure higher availability at all hours, for remote connectivity.
- 4. The town will be working with Consolidated Communications in August to port the remainder of its POTS (copper lines) for faxes, alarms, and elevators from FirstLight. The town was recently notified that the cost of those lines will be increasing by \$25 per line (after a similar increase last year). Switching to Consolidated will help us maintain the cost of those lines.

#### Channel 13:

In the month of July, Newmarket Channel 13 covered 6 Town of Newmarket and Newmarket School District events. Newmarket Channel 13 simulcast each of these events to our cable channel, YouTube channel, and Facebook page. Newmarket Channel 13 also created 5 newsletters that were sent out through email, and posted to our social media sites.

On the town's Facebook page, we posted a total of 20 times. This resulted in us reaching 1,912 unique accounts with 345 post engagements. As a result, we gained 1 new page follower and had 29 clicks to links on our page. On the Town of Newmarket's page, we had 831 unique accounts being reached with 205 engagements leading to gaining 15 new followers in the month.

On the town's YouTube Channel, 744 people viewed our videos, 187 unique accounts watched our live streamed events, and over all the channel reached 4,400 accounts. Of those watching, 32 were returning viewers with the majority returning to watch the live Town Council Meeting. Our analysis showed that most people got to our YouTube Channel through YouTube searches with some being directed by outside sources.

In July, the Newmarket Newsletter was sent to 5,320 accounts and had an open rate of 2,662 (or approximately 54%) by recipients. Of the 2,662, 92% read the newsletter on a desktop computer and 8% used mobile devices. Compared to the previous month, our open rate dropped by 5%, but it still remains 17% higher than the industry average. In terms of people clicking on links in the Newsletter (the "click rate"), it was 5% or about 1% higher than the industry average.

Looking toward the month of August, I am pleased to announce that Timothy Cremmen will become the full time Channel 13 station manager. Tim will be joining us as we begin the town's budget development process. In addition to providing the town with the normal services provided by the station, he will be developing and implementing plans to enhance those services to better serve the community. We look forward to the good things his efforts will bring.

#### Financials:

Budg	get MTD	Transactions `	YTD Transactions	Balance	% Sp	ent
FY2023	\$247,422	\$8,903.08	\$8,903.08	\$190,	836.01	22.9
FY2022	\$219,150	\$10,635.55	\$10,635.55	<b>\$161</b> ,	764.81	26.6

Note: the numbers are the MIS and CH.13 budgets combined.

# **TOWN CLERK - TAX COLLECTOR**

<u>TAXES</u>	
Total Committed 2022	\$13,122,113
Total Uncollected 7/31/22	\$440,962

TAX LIENS					
	202l Lie	ens	2020 Liens	2019 Liens	
	(Deed 20	024)	(Deed 2023)	(Deed 2022)	
Property Tax Amount Liened	169,23	36	146,227	178,934	
# Properties Liened	33		34	33	
Uncollected 07/31/2022	102,92	20	54,573	19,977	
WATER&SEWE 1/1 THRU 7/31					
	2022	2	<u>2021</u>		
Uncollected	59,280		98,091		
TOWN CLERK REVENUE (7/1/2					
	Year	Year End			
	End				
	6/30/23	6/30/22			
Motor Vehicle (MV)	138,825	147,182	5.67% decrease		
	13,220	14,645	9.72%		
Town "non-MV"			decrease		
State NH (MV, Vitals,	47,878	50,284	4.79% decrease		
Boats, Dogs)					

- Daily Activity Steady
- 2022 First Issue Property Tax Bills were issued

o Mailing Date: 5-23-2022

o Due Date: 7-6-2022

- Dog Licenses due April 30<sup>th</sup>
  - o 1253 dogs licensed as of July 31st; Approx. 1,400 dogs total
- 2019 Deed Date: August 25, 2022
  - o 7 parcels unpaid as of July 31st

## RECREATION

#### **Financial**

We are still waiting for our preliminary figures from the Munis Report from Finance before we report our net profit for the year end of the 21/22 Fiscal year. Because we are working with 2 budgets and our Rec Desk Revenue Reports include previous House Credits our numbers and Munis numbers don't always line up. Regarding the General Fund we did use 100% of our budget without going over.

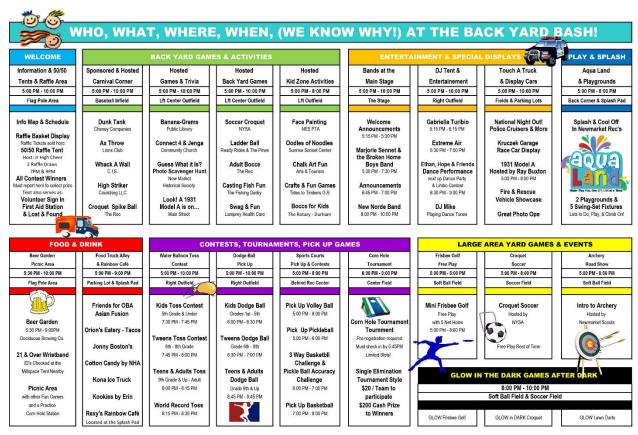
#### Personnel

There were no updates for staffing in the month of July other than we had to let two summer staff members go due to various reasons, however we were able to hire one replacement once an old camp staff employee decided they wanted to come back after all. Overall, our summer staff was much younger than in previous years. This was primarily due to the lack of college students applying for counselor positions this year as compared to previous years. On the bright side, we are blessed in other ways, as we do have very loyal administrative staff who come back year after year to ensure that Newmarket Summer Camp keeps on running. Both of our Summer Camp Assistant Directors, Krista Crichett and Brooke Richardson, started out as campers, went through the training program, eventually becoming long time counselors before finally being promoted to the administration staff positions. Both are now full-time teachers! We are very grateful that they choose to come back year after year.

## **Community Events**

**Arts in the Park:** Newmarket Rec's Arts in the Park concert series was originally supposed to be kicked off on Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> but unfortunately due to rain storms, the first two weeks of the concert series were postponed. The Max Sullivan group ended up taking our rain date of August 30<sup>th</sup> and Jake Davis and the Whiskey Stones got rescheduled for Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. Our first official day ended up being Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> with Truffle, and it was the largest crowd we have ever seen for Arts in the Park.

Community members and families had so much fun enjoying the music and we even raised \$109 during our pass the hat fundraiser for the events. Our other two shows this month were successful with Borscht and North River Music playing. The Arts and Tourism commission have partnered with us and have had a table each night, promoting their organization, local artists as well as has provided coloring sheets opportunities for little ones at the shows.



The Backyard Bash: We are happy to report that this new event, now called *The Backyard Bash*, made a HUGE debut for the town last week! We were very surprised with only having a total of 6 planning meetings in the months of June and July that we were able to pull off as much as we did. By the end of July, we had over 20 different organizations involved in one way or another, making this event a much larger event than we had ever imagined. Since this report was written in August, we hope you either had a chance to attend and/or may have heard about the overwhelming turnout we had. For the most part, all who attended had an amazing time and were very thankful that they once again had an opportunity to attend a town-wide event catered to all ages. The only

complaints we had were that the Food Trucks ran out of food too soon. To give you a better idea of what went on that night please refer to the attached Who What When & Where schedule. We also included a couple emails we received right after the event. We also want to give a shout out to the Police, Fire & Rescue and PWD! Without them this event would not have been as much of a success as it was! In the August report we will include pictures and how much revenue after subtracting the various expenses was brought in and how it was distributed to the previously identified Newmarket non-profits in Newmarket.

I just wanted to let you all know that you all did an amazing job - from start to finish. Since I was at the gate from the first person in line at 4:45 until just past 9, I told everyone to have fun when they came in, and then asked many of the same people if they had a good time when they left. 100% of the families I asked had a blast, with several saying they couldn't wait until next year. Everyone had a smile on their face. That's what they call a successful event!! Thank you for all your hard work - the town appreciates it.

Addie Tarbell

**RSVP** 

I wanted to take a minute to tell you what a fabulous job you did, organizing and running the Backyard Bash. Your energy always amazes me. I hope you had some time to relax this weekend and to reflect on what an enormous success the event was. Very well done!!!

Lisa R. Nicholson

Leasing and Marketing Manager of Cheney Co

## **REC Connect & Community Outreach**

Community Collaborations continue to evolve and include more outreach: We have publicity included now on a regular basis through the Exeter Chamber of Commerce, and are working with several print outlets to include our news, such as registrations or event and calendar dates to know. Our Instagram posts continue to grow with followers; up 26.7% since June. We are working to develop a standard operating procedure for hanging up our posters, in anticipation for the Halloween Haunt, for instance, so we can effectively use teen participants or staff available to interface with our business supporters and locations downtown. Our calendar for September, October, November and December is showing community networking and collaboration for the Halloween Haunt and Merry

Main Street. Our advertising for house decorating for the Halloween Haunt will start shortly past Labor Day, so we can give property owners time to plan their decorations and give us time to create a thorough map for interested people to follow and enjoy. Plans for Merry Main Street are underway by the New Market Historical Society, and we are glad to know we already have some events to begin coordinating and disseminating through outlets such as the Newmarket Business Association, Millspace and others, so we can build on this after last year's first version of the Halloween Haunt and Merry Main Street, in spite of the pandemic. Area organizations that participated in the Backyard Bash include the Great Bay Rotary and the Lions Club – these are service organizations which could hold some future collaborations with the Rec Center, and we'll investigate.

#### **Capital Projects, Facilities and Rentals:**

**Aqua Land**: We are happy to report that Aqua Land is certainly getting well used this summer with so many hot days this summer. Not only is it used all day with our 300 campers, but right after camp gets out, a new crowd fills the fence in area keeping the splashing going until dusk. The Splash pad will remain open until 8pm until 8/14 and then the closing hour will be 7pm as is starts to get darker sooner.

**Gazebo Rentals:** This month we had 22 Gazebo rentals for birthday parties, which is just about 2 to 3 parties each weekend day and our inquiries have continued to increase. We have started having weekday rentals after hours as well for those families who are looking for a quieter evening at the Splash Pad. Our August schedule is already filling up with most weekends being booked up completely. The money generated from gazebo rentals pays for the staff we need to test chemicals on the weekends.

**Beech Street Facility: The** Beech Street center had 2 rentals this month, however we had two groups using the facility, the Girl Scouts and the Piscassic our new Jiu Jitsu group classes. Rentals for this location in the summer are always lower because people tend to hold more parties outside in the summer.

Van Rental Agreement with the School: As you may remember in June that we generated approx. \$1400 for allowing the school to use our new transit van for athletic sports team travel. The school recently contacted us again requesting to enter into

another MOU agreement to allow them to use our newest van once again. This not only saves the school money for not having to pay higher school-bus prices, but at the same time generates money for the town – essentially keeping the money back in the town. The perfect Win/Win!

Pickle ball: Pickle ball participation has remained steady on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. The group's numbers fluctuate given the summer months, but a core of at least one court is playing each session. We have continued to let players know we have additional availability for weekday mornings or on Sundays. Players have requested additional evening nights for play, but with camp taking over the basketball courts the majority of the day, we are working to leave some time for local kids to play basketball as well.

**Kayak Rentals:** Kayak Rentals continued to pick-up throughout the month of July. We had 21 rentals, primarily on weekends, but we saw an increase on mid-week/ Fridays. The rentals are most often out of Piscassic and Schanda, we have only had a few out of Schoppmeyer. We recently received some feedback to provide additional signage around the kayak racks to inform people of how they can be rented. We have created a new sign to get up at rack sites to better market our rentals. We also plan to advertise it in the Town Newsletter.

### **Summer Camp:**



Summer Camp pretty much takes up most of the Rec's attention during the summer months and during the month of July, that is definitely the case. We often compare summer camp to running a 7-week mini school in which our job is to teach kids how to navigate the playground – aka: social skills, the art of negotiations, and of course, sportsmanship. As you can imagine children don't always learn from the same guidebook when it comes to learning these very important life skills. During summer camp we try to provide campers with opportunities in which they can learn how to adapt to new and different situations.

Yes, summer camp is much more than just playing a game of kick ball. A huge shout out to our amazing staff that work 8 hours a day playing non-stop with 300 kids' everyday - while also ensuring their safety in all games that they partake in. In addition to camp, we also send kids off on various field trips each week. To date the Field Trips overall have gone quite smoothly throughout the summer, we took campers to Off the Wall Kidz, the Movies, Hilltop Fun Center, Newcastle Commons, Pinz, Cowabunga's, Candia Springs, Canobie Lake Park and a full camp trip to Eliot Boat Basin. We had a few issues with Teen Turf following expectations on impromptu trips resulting in changes to their independence as a group for safety reasons. Although we have the Splash Pad onsite, we still scheduled 2 trips per Rec group to the Durham pool each week. We utilized our Rec vans for this to save on bus money, but ultimately ended up having a waitlist because of the limited space. We will look to reassess the pool trips next year and potentially look for different transportation in order to get more campers involved. During the month of July, we also held many of our traditional special event activities which included, Camp Night, Carnival Day, Color Wars, and our Drive in at the Movies Night, where kids paint cars out of card board boxes and then get to come back at night and sit in their pretend cars while watching a movie on our new 24' outdoor inflatable movie screen.

### **Sunrise Sunset Activity Center**

A First... An Ice Cream Social: First on the July itinerary was a free Ice Cream Social for our Sunrise members. We offered up several gallons of ice cream and all the sundae toppings we could think of for over 50 attendees. It was a great way to spend a summer afternoon where members could enjoy a special treat while visiting with friends. Because it was so popular and greatly appreciated, we've decided to end the season with another ice cream social in September.



Summer Concert Circuit: Several of our active Newmarket seniors take part in the Tuesday night concerts at Schanda Park and many spend additional weeknights at other outdoor venues in nearby towns. It's become a tradition to gather a Sunrise group for

the North Hampton Bandstand where they offer a BBQ meal along with their live music each Wednesday in the summer months. Our group chose a stellar evening in July to enjoy a band that performs a variety of summer classics from the Beach Boys to Jimmy Buffet. All who attended raved about the food, music and the perfect weather.



Beyond the Last Page Book Club: Our Beyond the Last Page book club held their annual July outing at the Tailgate Tavern in Stratham. They discussed their latest book, Where the Crawdads Sing, while dining on summer salads and sandwiches. The following week the group gathered again at the Epping Theater to see the brand-new film version

of Where the Crawdads Sing followed by a lively discussion over the book vs. the movie.

**Trivia Day: Several** members participated in Trivia Day this month where the group of 16 participants split into 3 teams for a friendly competition. We offer this pub style trivia several times a year as it's become a very popular activity. Our format consists of 4 category rounds and an additional picture round with a variety of topics so that everyone has an opportunity to contribute and participate. The winning team receives a small prize which adds to the fun of the competition.

Respectfully submitted by

Aimee Gigandet and the Rec Staff

### **WELFARE**

In July Newmarket Town Welfare Department supported clients in need with assistance and referrals to appropriate resources and for their emergency basic household or needs to support life and health and for final expenses. In July we processed 9 (nine) completed welfare applications, resulting in determinations of eligibility. Many inquiries were for clients seeking referrals to housing and State resources and direction on how to access other programs. HOUSING and affordable housing continues to be the major concern of the majority of families who call this office. We have then from residents or nonresidents seeking food, transportation, or resources for assistance with the expected increases in electric rates and home fuel.

We had several homeless or housing issues and worked with other agencies to provide offers of shelter placements for residents. Apartments are ridiculously hard to find in Newmarket or the Seacoast and even harder to secure when your income is limited, you have credit issues, or you have an eviction on your record. Apartment managers continue to sell properties in the real estate upswing, renovate and then price tenants out- this is an ongoing issue for many of our clientele, and further depletes the affordable housing in Town. When people are economically vulnerable, there are no other available housing to refer them too and I must refer them to a shelter. In July, I secured space in shelters for two families, which was a challenge, given that there are limited shelter beds in the entire State of NH, then for a variety of reasons these families refused to accept the shelter placement - which would have facilitated them acquiring subsidized housing in an expedited manner. When a client makes these decisions, we are limited in ways to serve them. Shelter placements are the only option, with limited apartment stock in many cases and are an avenue to get people into subsidized housing.

As I have previously shared, anyone who has driven through Newmarket is aware that if you are able bodied, there are <u>many</u> opportunities for full time work in the Newmarket Community. The issue my clients often share is that even with the higher wages being paid, or sign on bonus offered, these individuals are still not able to pay for basic needs.

A kid's illness forcing them to miss work, can leave them unable to pay rent. They are economically vulnerable to a region with high rental rates. People report mortgages are cheaper than rents. This office continues to partner with other agencies and frequently seeks to do so but the applicant must assume the initiative and responsibility in following through to becoming economically self-sufficient when they are capable.

Town Welfare is a fund of last resort and to be utilized after all other resources have been exhausted. We are starting to receive calls regarding assistance with heating assistance and have referred people to the Community Action Program. This heating season will be challenging in terms of the heating season because of the increased cost of fuel and limited funds for the CAP program so residents are expressing concerns to this office.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Thibodeau
Welfare Director

## **LIBRARY**

### **Newmarket Public Library Report**

### **July 2022**

The "Oceans of Possibilities" Summer Reading Program officially launched on 6/27. The UNH Marine Docents offered a popular program on Whales and Seals as a kick-off event on 6/28, which 38 people attended. The program included three interactive

learning stations and stories about whales and seals by Children's Librarian Maryjo Siergiej. To date, 310 people have participated in the summer reading program (214 children, 26 teens, and 70 adults). The final party will take place this Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm at the Newmarket Public Library. Statistics about the number of books read and time spent reading will be forthcoming in a future report. Congratulations to all of NPL's summer readers!





UNH Marine Docents at NPL

- ➤ Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> Aquatic Creatures hosted by Squam Lake Natural Science Center (42 attendees)
- ➤ Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> Lindsay & Her Puppet Pals (60 attendees)



Everyone Had a Great Time with Lindsay & Her Puppet Pals

# Summer Readers Enjoying the Newmarket Public Library's Play Space.



Thank you again to the Newmarket Conservation Commission for supporting a temporary installation of the StoryWalk® <u>Henry Hikes to Fitchburg</u> by DB Johnson at the Piscassic River – Loiselle Conservation Area during July 10 -16. We received very positive feedback from families and look forward to collaborating again on future StoryWalks®.



StoryWalk® Readers at Piscassic River – Loiselle Conservation Area

#### **Additional Summer Events:**

- Lamprey Health Care offered drop-in help for their Health Care Navigator on 7/8 (4 attendees).
- ➤ The Newmarket Historical Society gave library patrons a private tour on 7/28. Everyone learned so much! It was a fascinating tour of Newmarket history (13 attendees).
- ➤ NH Fish and Game held the program "Restoring Brook Trout," on 7/11. (18 attendees).
- ➤ The Friends of the Newmarket Public Library sponsored a popular craft program with instruction and supplies provided by the Children's Museum of New Hampshire. Attendance totals were as follows: fish printing (32 attendees), salt art (12 attendees), carp kites (30 attendees) and NPL jellyfish lanterns (9 attendees).
- We were thrilled to participate in the Recreation Department's Backyard Bash where we hosted a giant Bananagrams game and distributed information about library services.



Library Director Kerry Cronin & Friends of NPL Board Member Cyndi Townes at the Backyard Bash

Respectfully Submitted,

Kerry Cronin

**Library Director**