

Monthly Department Report



April 2022

POLICE

Activity

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

| | <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2020</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <i>Total calls for service</i> | 1982 | 1904 | 1489 |
| <i>Motor vehicle stops</i> | 366 | 292 | 3 |
| <i>Arrests</i> | 16 | 5 | 3 |
| <i>Offense reports</i> | 44 | 46 | 46 |
| <i>M/V accidents</i> | 10 | 3 | 1 |
| <i>Parking tickets</i> | 71 | 50 | 7 |
| <i>Drug overdoses</i> | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| <i>Alarms</i> | 14 | 4 | 9 |
| <i>Death investigations</i> | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| <i>Mental health related</i> | 33 | 9 | 8 |

During the month of April, the Newmarket Police Dispatch Center documented 1982 calls for service. We investigated forty-four criminal complaints that required investigations into all of them. The cases involved, Theft, Fraud, Trespass, Domestic Violence, Harassment, Child Abuse, Criminal Mischief, Stalking, Felonious Sexual Assault, Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, Criminal Threatening, Attempts to Obtain False Registration Documents, Reckless Conduct with a Deadly Weapon, and Violation of a Protective Order. We received several reports of Civil Disputes between parties that we helped mediate. The Civil Disputes include Landlord/Tenant Issues, Child Custody Issues, and Property Ownership.

Several motor vehicle complaints were received and investigated to include Speeding, Road Rage, Reckless Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Hit and Run, Operating Without a Valid License, Driving After Revocation or Suspension, and Distracted Driving. We receive numerous reports daily of vehicles not able to maintain their lane of travel. We had 10 reported accidents this month and several of them involved distracted driving.

Some of the calls we handled this month:

- On April 4th Several officers responded to the area of Wahington Street and Lincoln Ave for a reported fire. When officers arrived, they found a building and vehicle on fire. Officers worked to make sure everyone was out of the residence and assisted the fire department when they arrived. Below are some pictures of the scene shortly after they arrived.



- Officers responded to a disturbance that involved a child custody exchange. The parents and family members involved got into an argument over the exchange of children. One subject was arrested for assault and another was issued a no trespass order from the location.

- Officers responded to a bicycle accident on Dame Road. A 71-year-old female had fallen off her bicycle and struck her head causing her to lose consciousness. The officers assisted in loading the patient into an ambulance. She was later transported to the hospital for further treatment.

- Officers received a request for a no trespass order from the owner of a local restaurant/night club. The reporting party told the officers that a man named "Nick" had been taking sips of other customers' drinks. The reporting party had no other information other than the person's name was "Nick". As of the time of this report the man has not been identified.

- Officers took a report of a person trying to illegally register a car in Newmarket. The person did not live in Newmarket and was trying to convince the clerk's office that he did.

- A subject was upset with Domino's Pizza after she placed an order and did not receive the delivery. She called the police department to see if we could assist with her order. She would not return our phone calls when officers called to assist her.

- A female subject was arrested on four separate occasions this month for the following charges:

Simple Assault X 3, Breach of Bail X 6, Bail Jumping, Bench Warrant X 2, False Report to Law Enforcement.

- A subject drove to the police station to bail his friend out after she had been arrested. The dispatcher alerted officers when she observed on camera the subject having difficulties parking in the front parking lot. Officers responded to the front lot and discovered that the subject was intoxicated. He was placed under arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Liquor or Drugs.

- On three separate occasions officers had to place subjects into protective custody due to intoxication. All three subjects were transported to the Rockingham County Jail where they were held until they were able to care for themselves.

- On April 22nd the dispatch center received numerous reports of a fight in progress on Salmon Street. When officers arrived, they discovered this incident had started as a road rage incident involving a total of three cars, firearms and numerous people including young children. The parties stopped on Salmon Street and a physical fight ensued. At some point one of the vehicle operators got into a car and purposely struck another involved participant. The person struck by the motor vehicle was treated at the scene. An arrest and charges have been filed related to this incident.

We had another busy month when it came to animals. We handled 18 reports involving animals. We responded to numerous loose dog and wild animal reports. We would like to remind everyone to take in their bird feeders to avoid attracting bears. It is also normal to see fox and skunks out and about at all times of the day this time of year.

Personnel

Aaron Hurlburt graduated from the New Hampshire Police Academy on April 22nd. Below are some pictures from the event. Hurlburt has now entered the final phase of his field training and should be cleared for solo assignment soon. **Matthew Pefine** is scheduled to graduate from the police academy this month.

We currently have an open position for police officer and dispatcher that we are trying to fill.



Training

- Officer Taylor Sheehan was accepted as a member of the Seacoast Emergency Response Team. He has since attended his first week of training relative to the team.

- Officer Nicholas Espo attended Street Crimes” training. This type of training is geared towards patrol officers and techniques used to detect and prevent crime in the community.
- Officers Alofs, Espo and Wardana attended a use of force class. This training teaches appropriate levels of force and de-escalation techniques.
- Sgt. O’Brien and Officer Sheehan attended training relative to train derailment. This class teaches officers what to do and expect if we have a train come off the tracks or a collision with a train.

Parking Violations

In April patrol officers issued 71 parking tickets. We continue to be active in parking enforcement in the downtown area. As the warmer weather moves in, we anticipate an uptick in enforcement needs. We have plans in place to provide parking enforcement on a more consistent basis during the warmer months.

Motor Vehicle Accidents

We had 10 reportable motor vehicle crashes for the month of April. These two vehicles came together after a train had cleared the crossing. The operator of the blue vehicle started to move forward without looking up. She struck the back of the black vehicle causing significant damage. Both vehicles had to be towed and the operator of the black vehicle was transported to the hospital with what appeared to be minor injuries.



Many of the motor vehicle crashes we responded to this month involved drivers being distracted by handheld devices or other things in the vehicle. Later this month we will have a series of specific grant funded patrols geared towards reducing distracted driving.

Fleet

Our new Cruiser 4 is in and has been deployed for use. A brand-new Ford Expedition with 3000 miles had to have the transmission replaced. We are currently investigating if another brand may be more reliable than Ford and still fit our needs.

Police Station Maintenance

Most of the police station is up to date and in good working order. The external camera system is an area that we are looking to upgrade and replace.

Drug Related Issues

The month of April was relatively quiet when it came to drug related issues for us. We have not had any reported opiate overdoses this month. 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 - 3 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

On April 21st Red's Good Vibes came back to town and provided free meals to the community. Officers from the department assisted in delivering those meals and crossing people safely on Main Street.



Officer Sheehan encountered a man downtown who described himself as” homeless”. Officer Sheehan helped this man gather his belongings and transported him to a location in Exeter requested by the man. Officer Sheehan provided the man with information about resources available to him to provide food and shelter.

Sgt. O'Brien responded to the area of Lee Hook Road for a report of a pig running loose in the roadway. Lee Police Department was also in the area trying to round up the lost animal. A short while later the officers were able to return ”**Piggy Smalls**” to his owner safely.

In an effort to help remind community members to register their dogs we made several social media posts with the help of some department family members. "Mowgli" and "Argus & Danni" are fur babies belonging to department members. We used their pictures to draw attention to the registration reminders. Several community members thanked us for the reminder.



Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget

Fuel consumption continues to be a concern as we move forward. We have spent our entire fuel budget for the year. We plan to hold back on other purchases to help fund the gas line. The rest of the budget appears to be on track.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Jordan

Police Chief

FIRE AND RESCUE

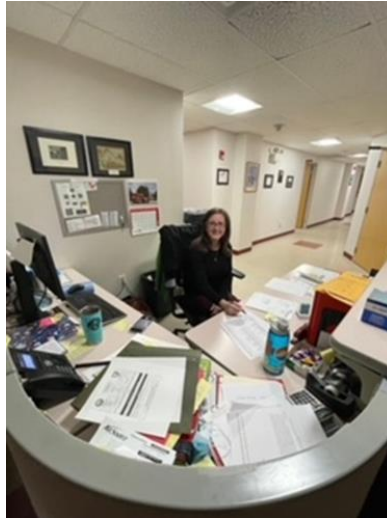
In April the Department responded to 90 calls for service; 58 of which were medical calls, transporting 44 patients to area hospitals. The ambulance responded to Newfields for six medical calls, transporting seven patients. Engine 5 responded mutual aid to Lee for an MVA and Greenland for a building fire.



On April 4th the department responded to Lincoln Ave for a 1st alarm building fire in a multifamily duplex. No civilians or firefighters were injured. Mutual aid was required from surrounding communities and the fire was declared under control within 30 minutes. Several cats were rescued. The fire was caused by improper disposal of smoking materials.



We welcomed Missy Godfrey to our team last month. Missy has filled the vacancy of Meg Schechter, who served as our Administrative Assistant for the past two years. Meg stepped down for personal reasons; she was an asset to the department and will be deeply missed.



The department hosted our first Heartsaver CPR/AED training. The event was well attended and open to the public. We will continue to host these from time to time throughout the year. For more information on these events follow us on Facebook.

Newmarket Fire and Rescue

FIRST AID & CPR TRAINING

AHA Heartsaver/AED Plus First-Aid class
Class cost: \$ 30
All proceeds benefit the Newmarket Firefighter Association

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER FOR THE CLASS
EMAIL: Fillionjustin@yahoo.com

SATURDAY 4/23/22
FROM 1 PM - 5 PM
Newmarket Fire Station
4 Young Lane Newmarket N.H.

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

Newmarket Fire & Rescue

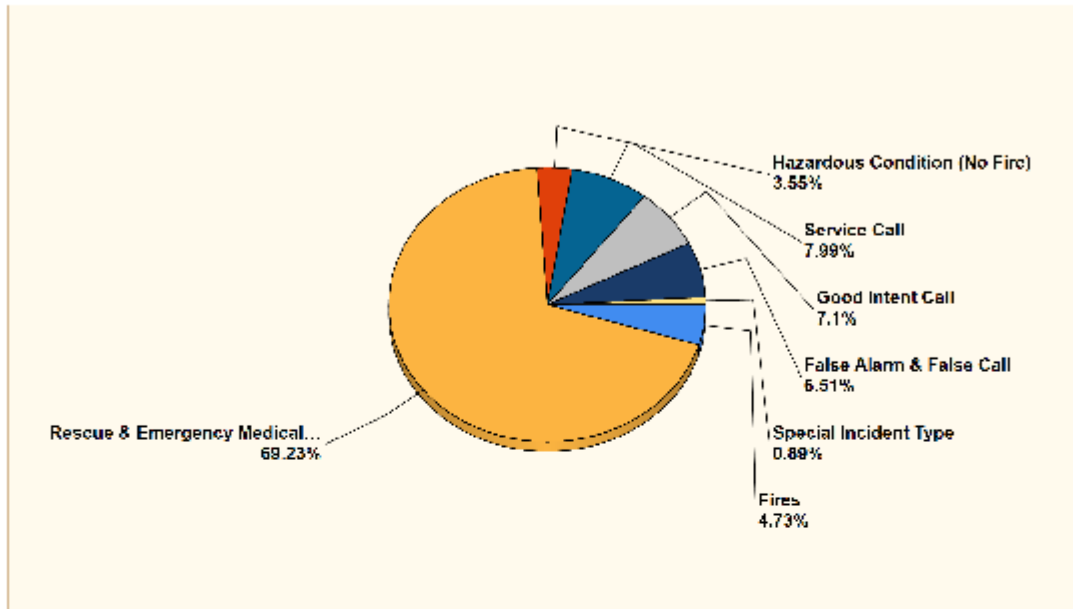
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 01/01/2021 | End Date: 04/30/2021



| MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE | # INCIDENTS | % of TOTAL |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Fires | 16 | 4.73% |
| Rescue & Emergency Medical Service | 234 | 69.23% |
| Hazardous Condition (No Fire) | 12 | 3.55% |
| Service Call | 27 | 7.99% |
| Good Intent Call | 24 | 7.1% |
| False Alarm & False Call | 22 | 6.51% |
| Special Incident Type | 3 | 0.89% |
| TOTAL | 338 | 100% |

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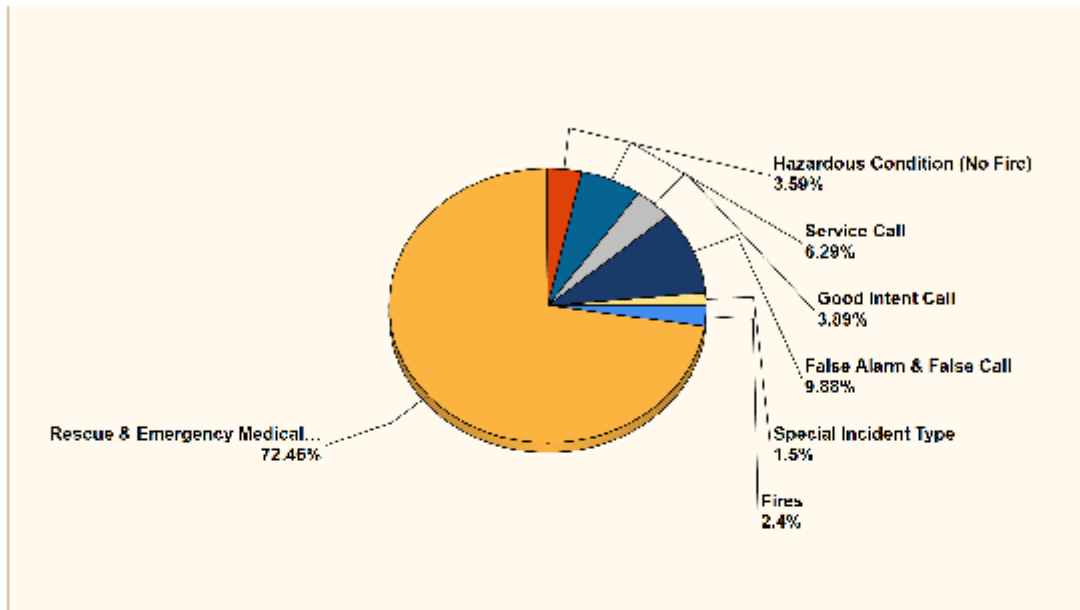
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 01/01/2022 | End Date: 04/30/2022



| MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE | # INCIDENTS | % of TOTAL |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Fires | 8 | 2.4% |
| Rescue & Emergency Medical Service | 242 | 72.46% |
| Hazardous Condition (No Fire) | 12 | 3.59% |
| Service Call | 21 | 6.29% |
| Good Intent Call | 13 | 3.89% |
| False Alarm & False Call | 33 | 9.88% |
| Special Incident Type | 5 | 1.5% |
| TOTAL | 334 | 100% |

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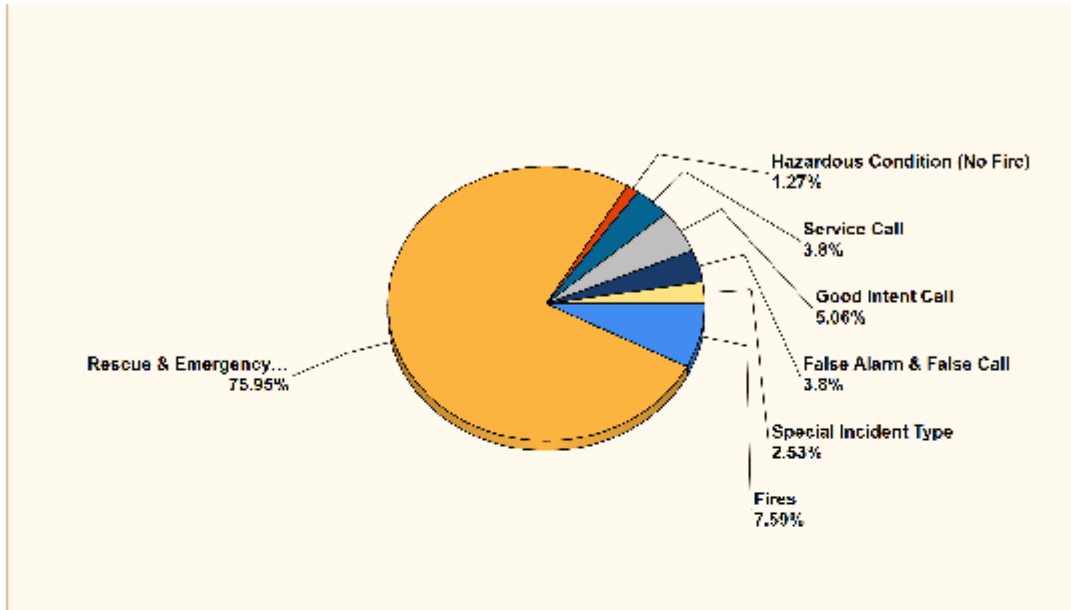
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 04/01/2021 | End Date: 04/30/2021



| MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE | # INCIDENTS | % of TOTAL |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Fires | 6 | 7.59% |
| Rescue & Emergency Medical Service | 60 | 75.95% |
| Hazardous Condition (No Fire) | 1 | 1.27% |
| Service Call | 3 | 3.8% |
| Good Intent Call | 4 | 5.06% |
| False Alarm & False Call | 3 | 3.8% |
| Special Incident Type | 2 | 2.53% |
| TOTAL | 79 | 100% |

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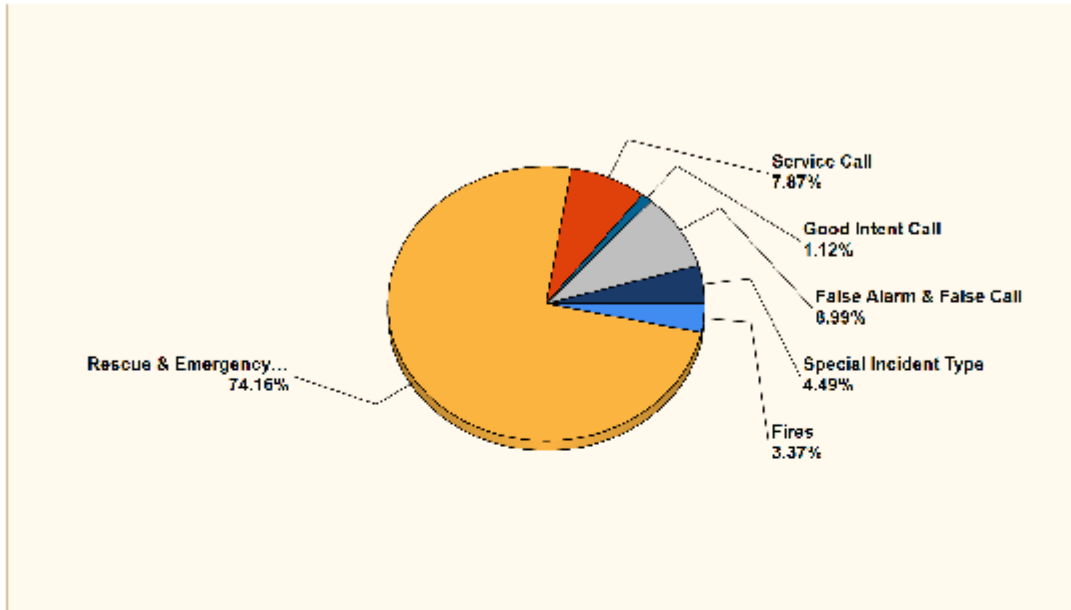
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 04/01/2022 | End Date: 04/30/2022



| MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE | # INCIDENTS | % of TOTAL |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Fires | 3 | 3.37% |
| Rescue & Emergency Medical Service | 66 | 74.16% |
| Service Call | 7 | 7.87% |
| Good Intent Call | 1 | 1.12% |
| False Alarm & False Call | 8 | 8.99% |
| Special Incident Type | 4 | 4.49% |
| TOTAL | 89 | 100% |

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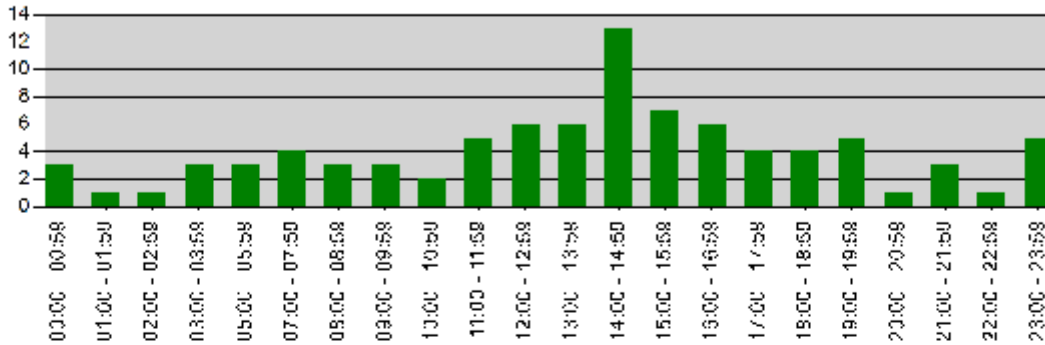
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Incidents per Hour for Incident Type Range for Date Range

Start Incident Type: 100 | End Incident Type: 911 | Start Date: 04/01/2022 | End Date: 04/30/2022



| Hour | # of Calls |
|---------------|------------|
| 00:00 - 00:59 | 3 |
| 01:00 - 01:59 | 1 |
| 02:00 - 02:59 | 1 |
| 03:00 - 03:59 | 3 |
| 04:00 - 04:59 | 3 |
| 05:00 - 05:59 | 3 |
| 06:00 - 06:59 | 4 |
| 07:00 - 07:59 | 3 |
| 08:00 - 08:59 | 3 |
| 09:00 - 09:59 | 3 |
| 10:00 - 10:59 | 2 |
| 11:00 - 11:59 | 5 |
| 12:00 - 12:59 | 6 |
| 13:00 - 13:59 | 6 |
| 14:00 - 14:59 | 13 |
| 15:00 - 15:59 | 7 |
| 16:00 - 16:59 | 6 |
| 17:00 - 17:59 | 4 |
| 18:00 - 18:59 | 4 |
| 19:00 - 19:59 | 5 |
| 20:00 - 20:59 | 1 |
| 21:00 - 21:59 | 3 |
| 22:00 - 22:59 | 1 |
| 23:00 - 23:59 | 5 |
| TOTAL: | 89 |

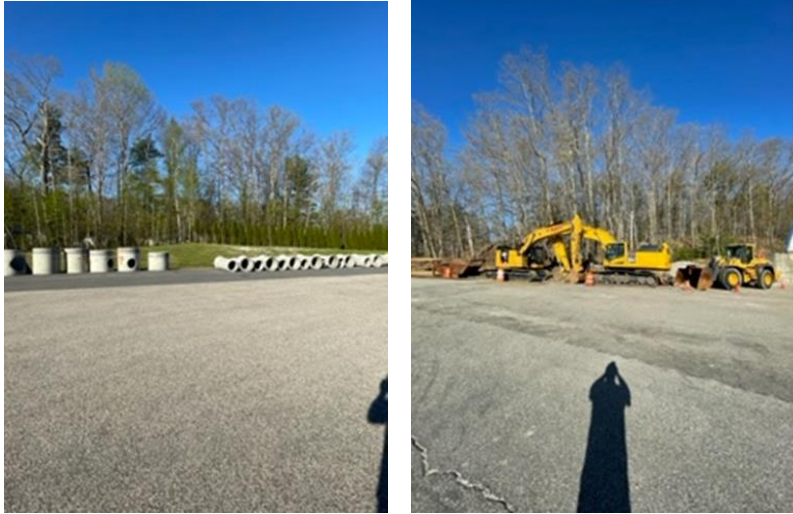
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PUBLIC WORKS

There were no weather events for the month of April. The crews have been busy sweeping all the streets and completing spring cleanup of parks and cemeteries. All of the snow removal equipment has been cleaned, serviced, and put away for the season. Crews have also started painting crosswalks and parking lots.



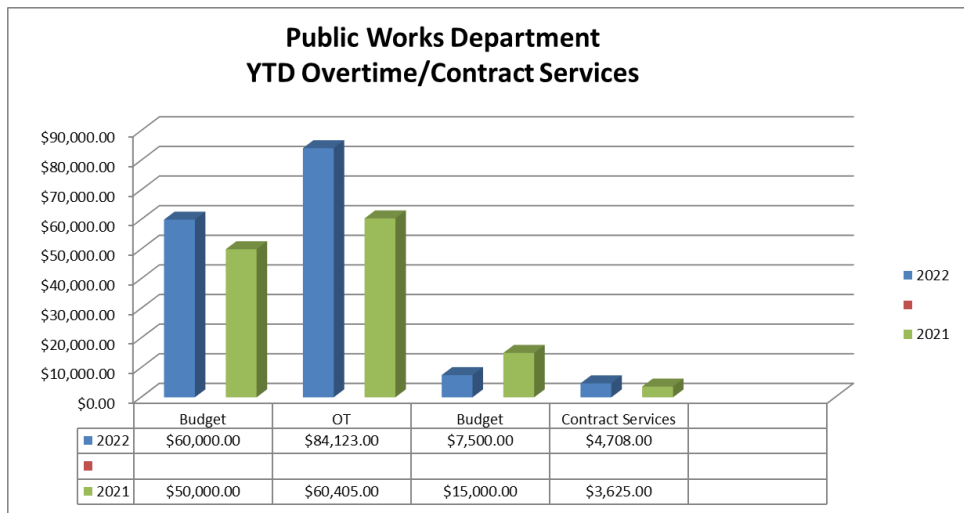
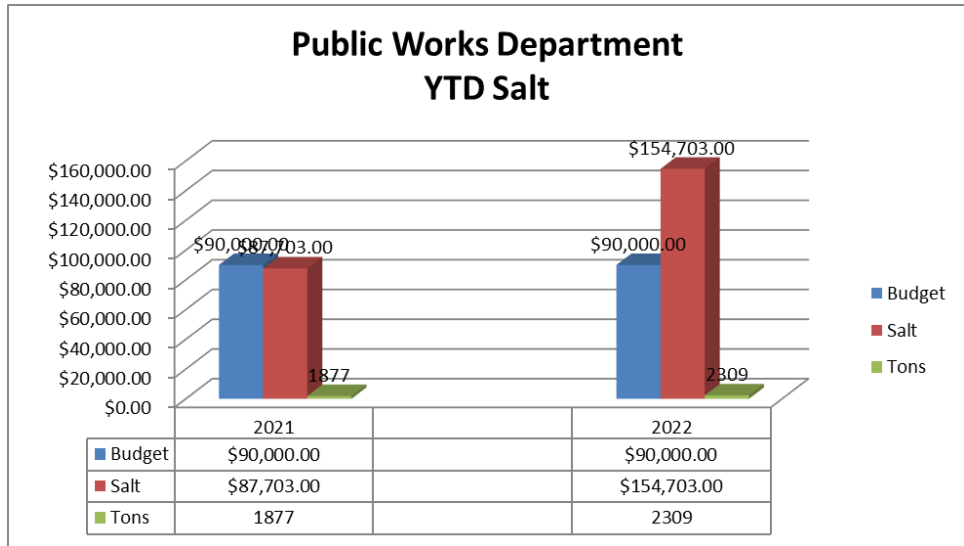
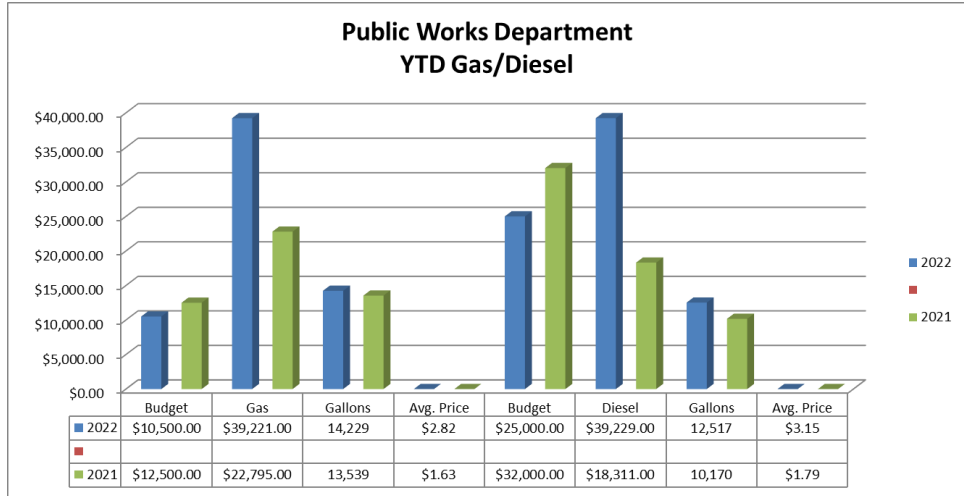
The New Road drainage project has begun. Materials and equipment have been delivered and Granese & Sons are on site working. Residents of New Road should expect some delays; there will be alternating traffic weekdays from 7am-4pm.

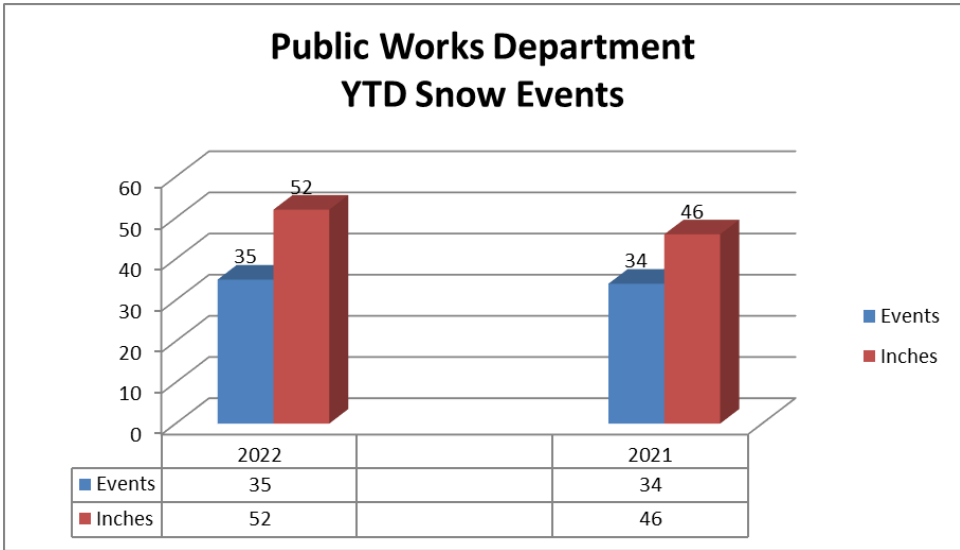
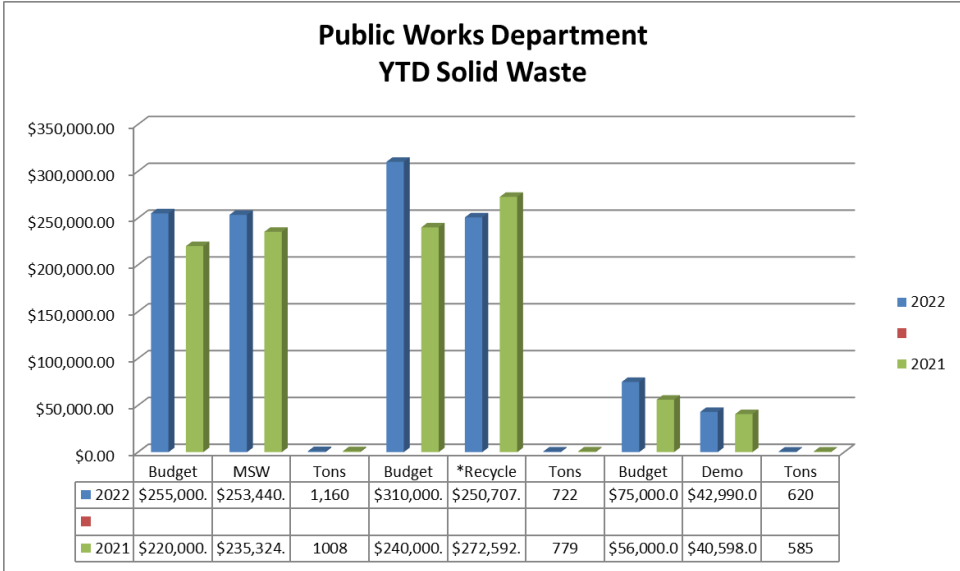
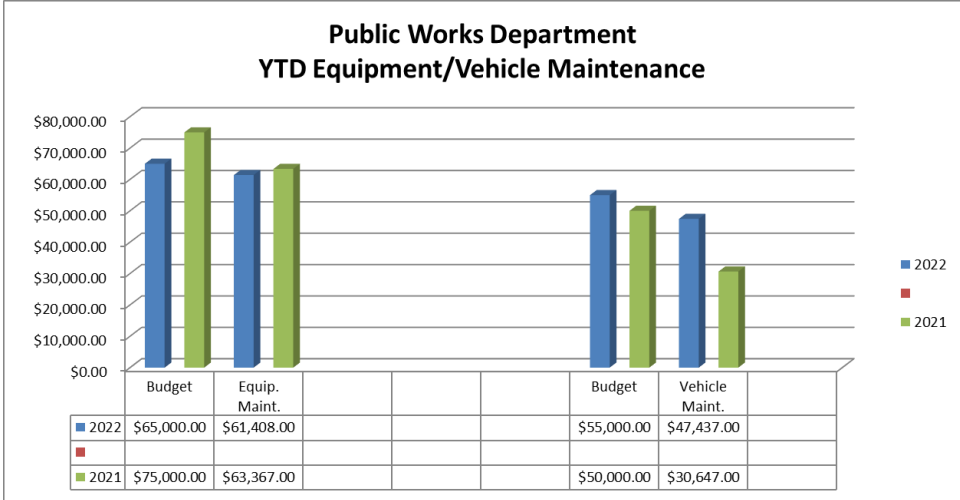


The new subdivision road (Tanner Circle) has been completed and recently paved. This subdivision is located off of Hersey Lane and will eventually become a town road. There are 11 new single family homes being built.



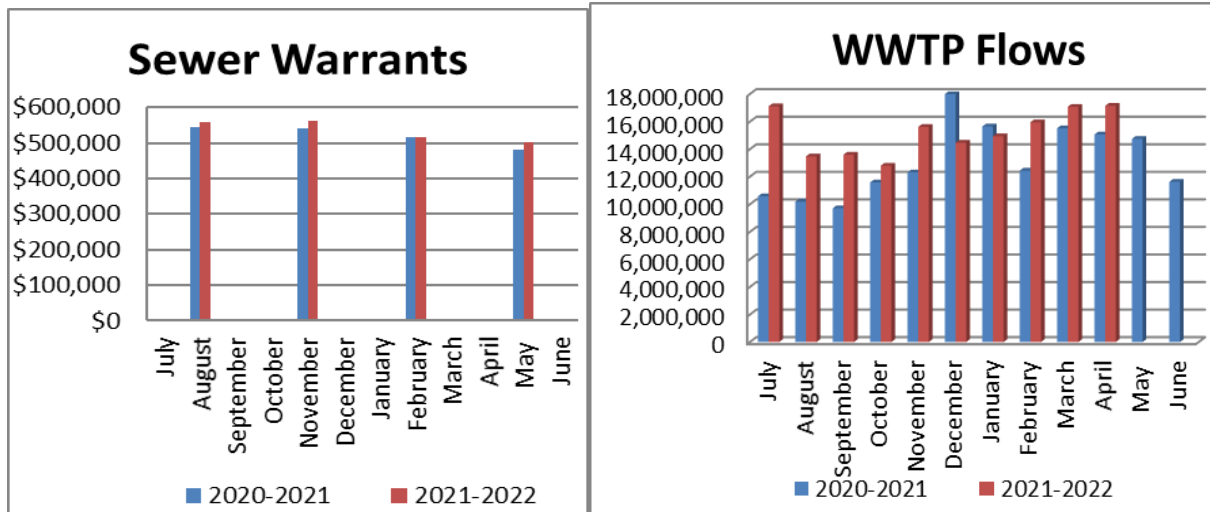
I have attached charts with activity reports for the month of April.





ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Wastewater Department



The wastewater treatment facility treated 17.1 million gallons of water for April 2022. The facility removed 99% of the Biochemical Oxygen Demand and 98% of the total suspended solids. The facility discharged on average 2.1 mg/L of total nitrogen per day for a total of 300 total pounds of total nitrogen discharged for the month of April 2022.

The Wastewater Department received 140,776 gallons of septage during the month of April. 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 \$14,078 in revenue from septage for the month of April 2022.

Huber Press and Sludge Report

Press ran for - 19 days

Total run hours – 221.70 hrs

Total gallons pumped – 329,428 gal

Average feed sludge percentage - 0.83%

Average feed sludge temp – 15.1^oc

Average filtrate percentage - 0.10%

Average filtrate temp – 14.1^oc

Average capture rate - 88%

Average sludge solids percentage – 18.76%

Total monthly sludge tonnage – 70.62 tons

| Monthly Operations Report | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----|---------------|--------|------|------|------|------|----------|------|------|-----------|--------|----------|----------|------|
| Newmarket WPCF | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Permit # NH00100196 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| April-2022 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Primary Operator Sean Greig | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Inf. Flow | | Eff. Flow MGD | | BOD | | TSS | | Nitrogen | | PH | | Fecal | Enter | Chlorine | |
| | MGD | Min | Max | Total | Inf. | Eff. | Inf. | Eff. | | Inf. | Eff. | Colif. | ococci | Residual | | |
| 1 | .4992 | .13 | 1.3 | .5290 | | | | | | | 7.8 | 7.1 | <2 | 17 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2 | .4763 | .16 | 1.1 | .4940 | | | | | | | 7.7 | 7.2 | <2 | <1 | 0.00 | 0.06 |
| 3 | .4926 | .14 | 1.2 | .5140 | | | | | | | 7.5 | 7.4 | 2 | <1 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 4 | .4720 | .15 | 1.4 | .5150 | | | | | | | 8.0 | 7.1 | 6 | 24 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 5 | .4529 | .15 | 1.0 | .5060 | | 6.4 | | 2.4 | 2.0 | 7.8 | 7.0 | 9 | 9 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 6 | .4372 | .18 | 0.9 | .4590 | | 5.6 | | 3.2 | 1.9 | 7.9 | 7.1 | 6 | 14 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 7 | .4274 | .10 | 1.2 | .4390 | | | | | | 8.0 | 7.1 | 8 | 10 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 8 | .6109 | .20 | 1.4 | .6700 | | | | | | 7.5 | 7.2 | 8 | 15 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 9 | .6099 | .21 | 1.5 | .6960 | | | | | | 7.6 | 7.0 | <2 | 8 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 10 | .6118 | .27 | 1.3 | .6490 | | | | | | 7.8 | 7.2 | <2 | <1 | 0.00 | 0.06 | |
| 11 | .5490 | .22 | 1.2 | .5580 | | | | | | 7.8 | 7.1 | 8 | 5 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 12 | .5476 | .24 | 1.2 | .5870 | | 5.8 | | 2.2 | 1.7 | 7.5 | 7.1 | 30 | 5 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 13 | .5225 | .19 | 1.1 | .5380 | | 5.1 | | 2.0 | 1.7 | 7.8 | 7.1 | 17 | 3 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 14 | .5113 | .18 | 1.4 | .5620 | | | | | | 7.5 | 7.1 | 2 | 5 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 15 | .5052 | .21 | 1.1 | .5240 | | | | | | 7.6 | 7.0 | 6 | 1 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 16 | .5230 | .17 | 1.1 | .5440 | | | | | | 7.6 | 7.2 | <2 | <1 | 0.07 | 0.00 | |
| 17 | .5247 | .19 | 1.2 | .5490 | | | | | | 7.8 | 7.2 | 2 | 1 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 18 | .4872 | .16 | 1.2 | .5280 | | | | | | 7.5 | 7.2 | <2 | 9 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 19 | .9431 | .21 | 2.9 | 1.0120 | | 7.8 | | 4.7 | 3.5 | 6.9 | 7.0 | 8 | 18 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 20 | .7088 | .39 | 1.5 | .7250 | 262 | 5.9 | 179 | 3.5 | 1.7 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 6 | 1 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 21 | .6390 | .30 | 1.3 | .6710 | | | | | | 7.6 | 7.1 | 4 | 2 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 22 | .5992 | .27 | 1.4 | .6380 | | | | | | 7.5 | 7.0 | 6 | 3 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 23 | .5633 | .26 | 1.1 | .5710 | | | | | | 7.7 | 7.1 | 4 | <1 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 24 | .5576 | .23 | 1.3 | .5780 | | | | | | 7.6 | 7.1 | 4 | 6 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 25 | .5158 | .19 | 1.4 | .5420 | | | | | | 7.7 | 7.1 | 4 | 2 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 26 | .4973 | .23 | 1.2 | .5400 | | 5.2 | | 2.3 | 1.9 | 7.3 | 7.1 | 8 | 6 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 27 | .5130 | .22 | 1.3 | .5420 | 277 | 4.9 | 264 | 2.4 | | 7.7 | 7.1 | 8 | 1 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 28 | .4757 | .18 | 1.0 | .4800 | | | | | | 7.2 | 7.2 | 13 | 1 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 29 | .4649 | .10 | 1.1 | .4840 | | | | | | 8.0 | 7.1 | 8 | 2 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 30 | .4569 | .19 | 1.0 | .5040 | | | | | | 7.5 | 7.2 | <2 | 1 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |

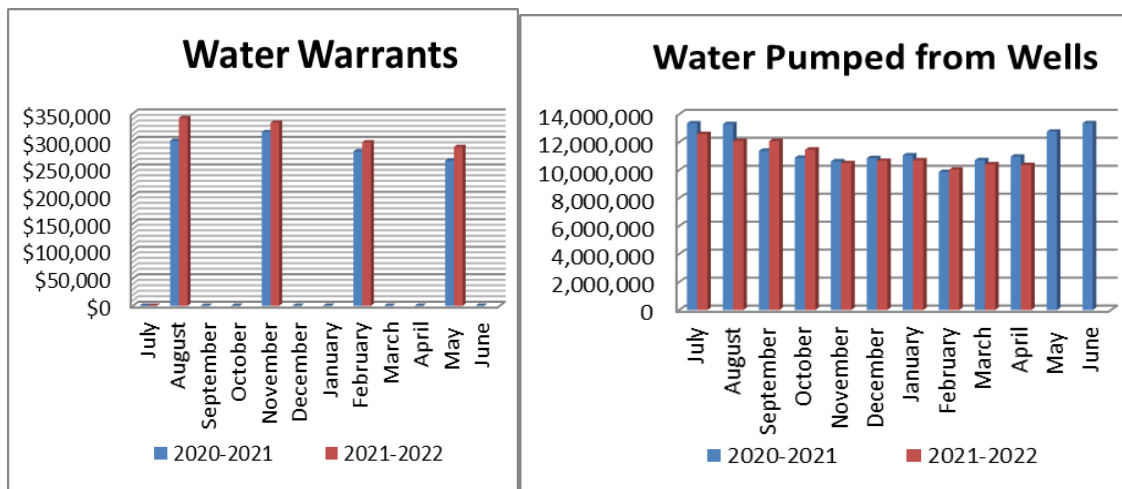
Average Wastewater Flow Discharged: 0.5716 Million Gallons/Day; Total gallons discharged 17,148,000

Biochemical Oxygen Demand Removal: 98%, Average Discharge per day: 5.8 mg/L; Permit Limit 30mg/L

Total Suspended Solids Removal: 99%, Average Discharge per day: 2.8 mg/L; Permit Limit 30 mg/L

Total Nitrogen Average Discharge per day: 2.1 mg/L, 10.0 lbs.; Administrative Order Permit Limit 8mg/L

Water Department



MacIntosh/Tucker Well Water Treatment Facility: The new water treatment facility that treats the water from the MacIntosh Well for arsenic and manganese to levels that cannot be detected is in service and functioning properly. The project has some outstanding punch list and warranty items that are being addressed. I have worked with the drinking water fund and NHDES to close out the loan so that the Town could refinance the loan from a 20-year loan at 3.38% to 2.84%. The reduction in interest rate will save the Water Department a few hundred thousand dollars over the life of the loan. Due to some outstanding items and the fact that the Town has closed out the loan, there will be some outstanding items that will need to be paid for out of Water Department funds. The estimated cost is approximately \$8,000 for the outstanding items.

South Main Street Project: the contractor plans on milling and final paving South Main Street in late July to complete the project.

Tucker Well Project: The Tucker Well Project is to install a new well pump house for the Tucker Well, and connect the pump house to the Newmarket Water System. The contractor has begun to mobilize and layout the project. The contractor expects to begin installing water pipes at the end of May.

New Road Project: The New Road Project is to improve the New Road drainage system, and to install a new watermain. The contractor has started to mobilize his equipment and materials. The contractor anticipates beginning work the week of May 9, 2020.

The Bennett and Sewall Well Project: The Bennett and Sewall Well Project is to upgrade the two well sites. The contractor anticipates the work to begin at the beginning of June. The contractor wants to make sure that he has all the materials before he begins the project.

The Water Department collected water samples from twenty Newmarket homes for lead and copper testing. The lead and copper testing are required and we will receive the results in May.

| PWS 1731010 - Newmarket Water Works | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|------|---------|----------------------------|----------|---------------|----------------|
| Water Quality Monitoring | | | | | | | |
| Sampled By_ BMT | | | | | | | |
| Monthly Monitoring For Apr-22 | | | | | | | |
| Location | Date/Time | PH | Temp 'C | Specific Conductance us/cm | PO4 mg/L | Free Cl2 mg/L | Total Coliform |
| Lamprey | 4/7/2022.0820 | 7.57 | 11.7 | 531 | 0.67 | 0.45 | Absent |
| Racquet Club | 4/7/2022.0840 | 8.17 | 14.6 | 573 | 1.15 | 0.19 | Absent |
| L+M | 4/7/2022.0910 | 7.85 | 14.1 | 498 | 0.94 | 0.18 | Absent |
| Aubuchon | 4/14/2022.0845 | 7.17 | 11 | 472 | 1 | 0.22 | Absent |
| Public Works | 4/14/2022.0800 | 7.42 | 10.8 | 525 | 1.06 | 0.16 | Absent |
| Town Hall | 4/14/2022.0830 | 6.94 | 10 | 497 | 0.97 | 0.25 | Absent |
| Well Site | Date/Time | PH | Temp 'C | Specific Conductance us/cm | PO4 mg/L | Free Cl2 mg/L | |
| Bennett | 4/8/2022.0908 | 8.13 | 12.4 | 303 | 0.87 | 0.2 | |
| Sewall | 4/8/2022.0920 | 6.78 | 12.5 | 451 | 0.98 | 0.28 | |
| MTWTP | 4/8/2022.0936 | 8.56 | 12.4 | 599 | 0.56 | 1.02 | |
| Bennett | 4/15/2022.1325 | 8.11 | 11.9 | 312 | 0.85 | 0.32 | |
| Sewall | 4/15/2022.1345 | 7.86 | 12.4 | 448 | 0.91 | 0.26 | |
| MTWTP | 4/15/2022. | 8.15 | 11.9 | 616 | 0.28 | 0.92 | |

Water system bacteria testing for the month of April passed.

| APRIL PUMPING TOTALS 2022 | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------|--------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|
| Date | Bennett | 185 gpm | Sewall | 265 gpm | Mac Well | 300 gpm | Total |
| | Hrs | Gallons | Hrs | Gallons | Hrs | Gallons | |
| 1 | 7.4 | 82,243 | 7.0 | 111,665 | 9.1 | 164,301 | 358,209 |
| 2 | 12.0 | 132,706 | 12.4 | 196,258 | | | 328,964 |
| 3 | 13.6 | 151,385 | 13.7 | 216,897 | | | 368,282 |
| 4 | 3.0 | 32,734 | 8.2 | 129,255 | 8.1 | 147,200 | 309,189 |
| 5 | 1.2 | 11,724 | 2.0 | 88,409 | 14.7 | 264,610 | 364,743 |
| 6 | 0.8 | 8,694 | 2.7 | 42,606.0 | 15.6 | 280,910 | 332,210 |
| 7 | 2.9 | 31,335 | 7.3 | 115,871.0 | 9.0 | 161,700 | 308,906 |
| 8 | 1.8 | 20,143 | 6.5 | 103,399 | 13.0 | 234,010 | 357,552 |
| 9 | 0.9 | 10,160 | 13.1 | 208,140 | 7.2 | 129,600 | 347,900 |
| 10 | 3.3 | 37,000 | 9.2 | 147,000 | 11.7 | 211,300 | 395,300 |
| 11 | 3.2 | 35,123 | 8.9 | 141,684 | 8.6 | 155,800 | 332,607 |
| 12 | 2.9 | 32,499 | 8.2 | 130,015 | 13.9 | 250,010 | 412,524 |
| 13 | 0.0 | - | 9.0 | 142,336 | 10.6 | 190,500 | 332,836 |
| 14 | 1.8 | 20,210 | 13.3 | 211,376 | 7.5 | 134,100 | 365,686 |
| 15 | 4.5 | 49,256 | 10.5 | 166,384 | 7.5 | 135,600 | 351,240 |
| 16 | 3.0 | 32,361 | 9.6 | 152,619 | 7.9 | 141,500 | 326,480 |
| 17 | 2.3 | 25,003 | 6.9 | 109,437 | 12.1 | 218,000 | 352,440 |
| 18 | 2.9 | 31,844 | 8.6 | 135,443 | 8.7 | 157,400 | 324,687 |
| 19 | 1.9 | 21,149 | 5.6 | 89,293 | 14.6 | 262,610 | 373,052 |
| 20 | 2.2 | 23,884 | 5.4 | 85,916 | 12.1 | 218,200 | 328,000 |
| 21 | 1.0 | 10,584 | 8.1 | 128,097 | 11.1 | 201,300 | 339,981 |
| 22 | 2.9 | 31,804 | 7.7 | 121,299 | 10.7 | 193,200 | 346,303 |
| 23 | 3.6 | 39,060 | 9.5 | 150,455 | 9.3 | 168,000 | 357,515 |
| 24 | 2.9 | 31,900 | 8.6 | 136,634 | 8.7 | 158,100 | 326,634 |
| 25 | 3.0 | 32,882 | 7.6 | 120,427 | 11.1 | 201,400 | 354,709 |
| 26 | 3.3 | 36,379 | 8.6 | 135,604 | 8.3 | 151,100 | 323,083 |
| 27 | 3.3 | 36,223 | 9.0 | 141,891 | 8.8 | 158,500 | 336,614 |
| 28 | 3.4 | 36,859 | 9.1 | 143,286 | 8.7 | 156,500 | 336,645 |
| 29 | 3.2 | 34,714 | 7.7 | 121,790 | 7.4 | 134,100 | 290,604 |
| 30 | 3.5 | 37,913 | 10.3 | 163,914 | 9.7 | 175,800 | 377,627 |
| 31 | | | | | | | 0 |
| Total | 101.7 | 1,117,771 | 254.3 | 4,087,400 | 285.7 | 5,155,351 | 10,360,522 |
| AVG. Day | 3.4 | 37,259 | 8.4 | 136,247 | 9.5 | 171,845 | 345,351 |
| Max Day | 13.6 | 151,385 | 13.7 | 216,897 | 15.6 | 280,910 | 412,524 |

BUILDING SAFETY, ZONING ENFORCEMENT AND HEALTH

March 2022 Permits

| Permits | Number of Permits | Revenue Collected |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Residential Addition/Alteration | 2 | \$470.00 |
| New Dwelling | 10 | \$18,815.00 |
| Electrical | 2 | \$125.00 |
| Sign | 1 | \$50.00 |
| Mechanical | 2 | \$225.00 |
| Solar | 1 | \$100.00 |
| Municipal Addition | 1 | 0 |
| New Municipal (well building Neal Mill) | 1 | 0 |
| Total | 37 | \$ 19,785.00 |

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

April 2022 – Planning Board

Planning Board Applications and Activities

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

1. Development Applications

Address & Tax Map: 446 & 450 Wadleigh Falls Road, Map R6 Lot(s) 50-7 & 50-8

Zoning district: B-3

Proposed use: Equipment storage

Permit sought: Site Plan and Special Use Permit

Applicant: Seacoast Pool Plastering LLC / Robert MacInnis

The Planning Board unanimously approved site plan and special use permit applications with conditions that intended to construct a 2,000-sf storage shed and create an 84,000-sf gravel parking area for the storage of truck trailers, containers and equipment. On-site improvements consist of improved site access and stormwater management infrastructure and best management practices. Vesting for the project, in accordance with RSA 674:39 was separated by the application's two proposed development phases. Phase 1 shall be completed within one-year of the recording of the site plan, and Phase 2 completed within one-year from the start of construction with the start date to be no later than 24 months from completion of Phase 1.

Address & Tax Map: 50-56 Exeter Road

Zoning district: M-2A

Proposed use: Mixed-Use Development

Permit sought: Site Plan and Special Use Permit Conditional Approval Extension

Applicant: Walter Cheney Jr. / Cheney Properties

The Planning Board approved the request to extend the application's conditional approval deadline by 6 months, as the applicant was still waiting on DOT approval for the development's access /entrance permit.

2. Organization of Board

The Planning Board held their annual re-organization process with the following results:

- a. **Chair:** Eric Botterman
- b. **Vice Chair:** Valerie Shelton
- c. **Alternate Appointment:** Michal Zahorik

3. Discussion of Board Priorities

Individual members of the Board were tasked for their May 10, 2022 meeting to identify projects and initiatives to concentrate on for the coming year.

Zoning Board of Adjustment Applications / Petitions

Zoning Board of Adjustment did not hear any cases during the month of April.

Other Projects and Noteworthy Items

1. In a continuing effort to further educational opportunities and remain informed with the latest land use practices, relevant statutory requirements, and planning advancements, the Planning Department's staff had the opportunity to participate in various trainings and webinars during the month of April as described below:
 - a. **The Right-to- Know Law and Governmental Records**, presented by New Hampshire Municipal Association
 - b. *Paving the Way for Electric Vehicles*, presented by New Hampshire Office of Planning & Development
2. The Planning Department welcomed this month its new Director, Bart McDonough. Mr. McDonough is excited to expand upon the solid foundation established by the former Director, Diane Hardy, and looks forward to working with the various elected officials, town committees and community partners in assisting the Town of Newmarket achieving its community and development goals.

Financials

| Fiscal Year | Budget(\$) | MTD Transactions (\$) | YTD Transactions (\$) | Balance (\$) | Spent (%) |
|-------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------|
| 2022 | 154,864.87 | 4,188.40 | 127,378.56 | 27,759.31 | 82 |
| 2021 | 139,801.30 | 10,048.97 | 111,312.81 | 28,488.49 | 80 |

Monthly Report to the Town Council: Finance

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

1. During the month of April the town maintained a reasonable rate of expenditures as a whole with total General Fund spending at 79% and equivalent to last year's position at this point. The condition was similar for the Enterprise and Special Revenue Funds (Library, Recreation, Solid Waste, Water and Sewer) which were collectively at 80% expended for the period. This was a 1% improvement over the prior year and within the maximum expected expenditure percentage for the period of 83.3%.

2. Cross training was initiated by Human Resources and Finance to ensure payroll can be run in the event the Human Resources Manager is unexpectedly out during a payroll week. Such training was done in the past; however, this new round included a manual created by Tonya Cougler providing step by step instructions on the process. The test of the manual's value was when Carol Sheehan, Asst. Finance Director, conducted a payroll run using it and was successful. The exercise exposed a few missing elements in the manual which Tonya has since addressed. Nevertheless, Carol was able to run a complete payroll with little issue and found the process to be fairly streamline compared to the old system (Munismart). This is a minor triumph for a couple of reasons. First, Munis has been a very cumbersome, overly complex, feature rich system requiring much training. For something to be easier to do in Munis than Munismart is pleasantly unexpected and uncharacteristic. Second, payroll is a challenging area for any organization and having a confident backup is critical to operational continuity. Kudos to the team for its initiative in cross training and for creating an understandable manual for getting the job done with minimal complication.

3. We are awaiting the completion of the underwriting process with TD Bank for the new credit cards/purchasing cards for the town. This change from Cardmember Services to TD Bank result in a few improvements from the current vendor as follows. One major change is that it removes the liability from the Town Manager and puts it with the town. Another is that it will provide us with a dedicated credit card support team which is part of TD Bank, which will provide better support. Kennebunk Savings' outsourced partner provided support that could be described as 'surly' at best. Finally, TD Bank's credit card provides the town with a 1% cash rebate up to \$1 mil. in annual purchasing. We anticipate this relationship to be mutually beneficial and a dramatic improvement over our current vendor. The new cards are expected in early May.

Financials:

| | Budget | MTD Transactions | YTD Transactions | Balance | % Spent |
|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| FY2022 | \$290,886 | \$13,454.90 | \$225,043.47 | \$65,842.04 | 77.4 |

FY2021 \$303,719

\$14,583.00

\$237,696.35

\$68,902.19

77.5

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Monthly Report to the Town Council: Information Technology

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

Information Technology:

1. April was what is becoming a typical month with 13 support tickets equaling 10.77 hours of service time. The service requests related to issues like reconnecting user network drives (virtually), PC login support, Right to Know support for the Police Department, local printer connectivity support, old PC failure and new PC purchase and installation.
2. This month the IT new equipment expense line rose to 71.5%, which is a reasonable level, but next month it will be completely expended. Although this is not unsurprising, it was not according to our plan. In other words, although we were aware of the multitude of old PCs in the various departments, the plan has been to phase out the most vulnerable and Windows 7 PCs first and then replace the oldest to least old over a three year period (starting in FY2021). The goal was to get all PCs on supported operating systems with current security patches as well as being no older than 3 years. The reason for the phased approach was largely driven by cost, but with the pandemic, it also became about supply chain constraints. Nevertheless, we were retiring machines on a planned basis, and then experienced unanticipated failures. Such failures required immediate action and because the PCs were so old, they had to be replaced, not repaired. At around \$900/PC, replacing 8 machines absorbed much of the equipment budget, and there was other equipment purchased as part of the planned budget expenditures for the year, such as switches, cables, VPN/firewall devices, drives, and the like. Ultimately, the changes are good because the new PCs will be solid and running for 3 to 5 years, requiring little support. An additional benefit of the new PCs is they are being purchased with Solid State Drives (SSD) instead of those with spinning disks drives. This means there are not steel platters held apart and spinning on small ball bearings that are a main cause of failure in such systems. Purchasing PCs with SSDs is anticipated to increase the life of each PC.
3. In the area of telecommunications, the copper lines have not yet been transferred from Firstlight to Consolidated Communications. This is largely due to the complexity of the transfer process and the associated billing issues. We are in discussion with each party, but are still working out a billing issue with the new lines installed by Consolidated for the new water treatment facility. We want that corrected prior to having them do more work...and mischarge us again.

Channel 13:

Over the month of April, Newmarket Channel 13 covered 12 events for the town and school system of Newmarket, New Hampshire. This included meetings in the Town Hall and a concert at the Newmarket JR/SR High School. Each of these events was live streamed to Channel 13, our social media pages, and streamed to our on-demand channel. Newmarket Channel 13 also created and sent 5 Newmarket Newsletters to email contacts as well via social media. This allowed us to continue outreach to the community with information about events and news.

Newmarket Channel 13 posted 25 times on the Facebook page. This resulted in us reaching 4714 users and seeing engagements of 1,795; which was up 54% over the previous month. This resulted in 826 unique visits to our Facebook page and 48 link clicks. We also received 13 new page likes and 10 new page followers. We also saw 79 shares (up 58%), video clicks of 210 (up 144%) and 41 reactions.

On our YouTube channel, we received 1,010 views, 570 of which were unique viewers. Our channel reached over 17,300 unique user which was up 3.4% from the previous month. This resulted in 82.5 hours of viewership of our channel, with most of our audience coming from the seacoast area. We also saw an increase of 5 new subscribers.

The Newmarket Newsletter experienced an open rate of 58% which is 21% higher than the industry average. We also link clicks of 5% which 3% higher than the industry average. This breaks down to us sending out 5,337 emails and seeing 2,836 opens: with 227 link clicks. These newsletters included information about the town, town departments, the school, and nonprofit organizations on the community.

In the month of May, we look forward to being able to continue our community outreach and event coverage. We will also be bringing on a new videographer to help cover events for in Newmarket. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or comments.

Financials:

| Budget | MTD Transactions | | YTD Transactions | Balance | % Spent |
|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| FY2022 | \$219,150 | \$11,281.64 | \$165,247.88 | \$45,402.48 | 79.4 |
| FY2021 | \$215,254 | \$25,675.11 | \$166,438.96 | \$46,965.38 | 78.4 |

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

TOWN CLERK – TAX COLLECTOR

| <u>TAXES</u> | |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Total Committed 2021 | \$26,026,168 |

| | |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Total Uncollected 4/30/22 | 398.00 |
|---------------------------|--------|

| <u>TAX LIENS</u> | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| | 2021 Liens | 2020 Liens | 2019 Liens |
| | (Deed 2024) | (Deed 2023) | (Deed 2022) |
| Property Tax Amount Liened | 169,236 | 146,227 | 178,934 |
| # Properties Liened | 333 | 34 | 33 |
| Uncollected 04/30/2022 | 161,619 | 69,332 | 32,163 |
| <u>WATER&SEWE 1/1 THRU 4/30</u> | | | |
| | <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u> | |
| Uncollected | 66,285 | 10,404 | |
| <u>TOWN CLERK REVENUE (7/1/21 THRU 4/30/22)</u> | | | |
| | Year End | Year End | |
| | <u>6/30/22</u> | <u>6/30/21</u> | |
| Motor Vehicle (MV) | 1,392,390 | 1,431,780 | 2.75% decrease |
| Town "non-MV" | 134,327 | 131,055 | 2.49% increase |
| State NH (MV, Vitals, Boats, Dogs) | 479,238 | 488,955 | 1.99% decrease |

- Daily Activity Steady
- Dog Licenses due April 30th
 - 966 dogs licensed as of April 30th; Approx. 1,400 dogs total
- 2019 Deed Date: August 25, 2022
 - 8 parcels unpaid as of April 30th

RECREATION

Financial

General Fund Expenditures: According to Munis the Recreation's Department's General Fund, we have expended **\$180,267** (79% of the budget) as compared to \$167,539 (77% of the budget) last year at this same.

Rec Revolving Expenditures: According to Munis the Recreation's Department's Revolving Account, we have expended **\$253,579** as compared to **\$113,005** for last year at this same time. Once again, the reduction in expenditures last year was COVID related as we were not able to run our typical summer camp program last year nor were we able to make the revenue that coincides with the camp. Additional expenditures for this year also include increased payroll with our before and after school program which was not budgeted for both last year and this year. It has been budgeted for 2022/23.

Rec Revolving Revenue: According to Munis the Recreation Departments, the Rec's Revolving Revenue Account shows that we have collected **\$455,133** YTD. Last year we had only collected **\$237,935** in revenue at this same time last year, which again was due to COVID and the reduction in programming. Do not let the revenue deceive you as it does look very good right now for current YTD numbers in regards to revenue over expenditures for this fiscal year. Please note that as a vast majority of this revenue (approx. 200K) is from 2022 summer camp registrations, unfortunately, the expenses of running these programs (along with increased payroll costs) fall into next year's fiscal year. We forecast that the camp will most likely cost \$150K to run this summer. This is just an estimate. Another important thing to note is the cost of the Splash Pad to run this summer. Payroll costs for testing chemicals on the weekend and running the Rainbow Café will be coming out of the Summer Camp budget.

Personnel

Our recruitment focus is STILL all about Summer Camp Employment. As mentioned last month, we sold out for the most part in summer camp by the end of March and started quite an extensive waiting list during the month of April. However, we realized parents needed to know about their children's summer plans so we decided to take a gamble at the end of April and let in the 48 children wait list despite not yet being able to secure the staff in order to do so. We are hoping our public relations and recent new and creative advertising efforts will pay off. This staffing dilemma continues to be a major concern for us. It also doesn't help that a nearby town who also was recruiting summer staff for their camp program decided this year to recruit on Newmarket Social media pages, as well as, sending an advertising recruitment email to the NJSHS asking them to email all the Newmarket HS students – which the school did before Newmarket Rec's email was sent out. We are still actively searching for permanent / part-time Site Supervisor for the afterschool program so that the program has more leadership consistency. Again, this position has been a difficult position to recruit as we are looking for an experienced employee and experienced employees are looking for full-time employees with benefits.

REC Connect & Community Outreach

By now most of you should have all received an invite for the REConnect RECOgnition Event. To date we have over 80 Community Leaders attending with still 3 weeks to go before the event. Thank you to all those who have already responded with your RSVP. Once again it will be at the Stone Church, upstairs, on Thursday, May 26th from 5pm – 7pm. During this event, we will meet, mingle and enjoy collegiality between the elected officials, volunteers, Newmarket Business Association members and representatives of service and civic organizations. In addition, the **RECOgnition Awards for 2021-2022** will be given, honoring the Event of the Year, Business of the Year and Volunteer of the Year, which are nominated by community leaders and from the nominations voted on by the NBA.

Community Events



Annual Easter Eggs’travaganza: We are happy to announce that after two years of hosting an Easter Event Drive Through we were finally able to bring back the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Not only that, we included some additional Easter theme carnival like games that the kids really enjoyed playing from their cars during the Drive Through events. So, this year it was the best of both worlds, plus kids could place the games up front and personal. Having no idea how many kids would show up to the event after losing 2 years of historical data, we overestimated how many eggs to hide in the older age division.

We will make modifications for next year. All in all, we received great feedback from all the families that came out stating they were so very pleased to see the return of this annual tradition. The number in attendance this year was higher than 2019, but lower than 2018. We are right about where we should be. Although our town does charge a small fee/child to participate compared to other towns who run it for free, we give out way more and much better prizes we have been told. This is why according to many parents they continue to return to our hunt year after year. In addition, we also do not spend any money on ordering pre-filled eggs. All 5000 we hide each year are recycled from previous years and filled by the HS National Honor society for community service hours. The only thing we pay for is the prizes and candy inside the eggs, plus a few decorations.

NEW COMMUNITY WIDE EVENT: The Big Backyard Bash (again, the name is still under consideration) As mentioned in last couple of reports, the Newmarket Rec Department along with a few interested residents is currently facilitating a planning committee in an effort create a new community wide event for all ages that has potential to build an annual celebration similar to what we had with Old Home Weekend or Heritage Festival. Since the last monthly report, we are happy to report that the following organizations have already committed to participating in the event.

- ✓ Arts & Tourism Commission – Chalk Art Contest
- ✓ The Police Department – Touch a Truck
- ✓ The NBA - Corn hole Tournament

- ✓ The Rec – Water Balloon Toss Competition, plus a few more back yard activities
- ✓ The Sunrise Sunset Center - TBA
- ✓ The Fishing Derby Committee – A Fishing themed kids activity
- ✓ The Cheney Companies – Dunk Tank with local celebrities being dunked
- ✓ The Junior & Senior HS Cheerleading – 50/50 Raffle
- ✓ Not yet committed but think they will. Fire and Rescue. TBA (I am hoping for a Police against Fire Kick Ball Game)

We are hoping that more will be committed on the night of the REC Connect event. Again, here is a brief summary of what is to be planned and when.

- **Date:** Friday, August 5th, 2022 from 5pm – 10pm at Leo Landroche Fields & Rec Center.
- **Goals:** The goal of this new event is to provide a venue that will once again showcase Newmarket’s various organizations and their ability to collaborate with other organizations while providing an opportunity for each organization to gain visibility, fundraise and/or to simply give back to the town.
- **Concept:** The basic concept of this event is to host a variety of Back Yard type games all around the Leo Landroche complex: i.e., Water Balloon Toss (hosted by the Rec to celebrate National Water Balloon Day), Corn Hole, Croquet, Ladder Ball, Kan Jam, Horseshoes, Lawn Darts, Kick Ball, Bocce Ball, etc. The ideas keep coming. These backyard games would be open for play all through the night under the lights. Our hope is to have a variety of different Newmarket organizations to host and staff each backyard game. So, the more organizations that get involved, the more backyard games that can be offered throughout the night.
- **Plus, more:** The plan is to also have music and entertainment on the stage, food trucks, vendor tents, art show, small sport tournaments, plus tie in other attractions already at the park that cater to families, like Aqua Land, and the large playground.
- **Call to Action:** The next step in our plan is to send out a more thorough proposal of the event concept to all the Newmarket Organizations asking them to let us know ASAP if they would like more information and/or would like to be involved and part of the planning process.

NEW EVENT UPDATE: How Does Your Garden Grow will be held Saturday, June 25, 10 am – 4 pm. As you may recall in our March Report, we mentioned trying to put together a Town Wide Garden Tour. We are very excited to announce this new event is DEFINITELY happening. With response gaining momentum, we now have sites from one end of town to the other, and a dozen locations in between. The locations will showcase gardening styles from formal and fancy to the practical raised bed vegetable gardens, we also have sites on the tour focusing on hardscapes and outdoor living spaces in our yards. There are four presentations scheduled, with the exact agenda to be finalized. Tour participants can learn about pollinators and about gardening techniques to capture rain, and effectively composting yard waste. We are grateful for the hosts at the participating properties, who will be on hand to describe features of the gardens that may not be evident at first glance. You can learn how to build a raised bed on pavement, for instance. You can learn how to coordinate volunteers to maintain ornamental perennials and native plants as well as homegrown vegetables for donation to the Newmarket Community Church Food Bank. With something for every skill level, there is a site to have genuine appeal and something to learn from a fellow gardener. For those who don’t want to garden themselves but want a terrific day outside (no rain date) this tour is going to be a “Staycation” type event. We are especially pleased to have the Newmarket Historical Society as a partner for the day, with their museum open for the tour, and the chance to learn more about Sylvia Gatchell, to whom the pocket garden at the entryway to the museum is dedicated. Learn about plants and

people! For the month of June, the museum is featuring an extensive exhibit of the fabrics, textiles and tools in their collection which have a floral or garden theme. The handiwork and various kinds of needlecrafts will be fascinating, and we admire the creative approach to their participation in the Garden Tour with this exhibit's interpretation of gardening. You will see "How Does Your Garden Grow" lawn signs or signs in windows of several businesses who are featuring their window boxes, at the participating locations. Watch the Channel 13 announcements, the Rec Department website, Instagram, Facebook and posters around town for continued information about the tour. Maps and an overview of the tour will be available on the web and some locations as a handout, closer to the event. This is free and is another way the community support of the Recreation Department is enthusiastically welcomed!

SAVE THE DATE: The 32nd Annual Fishing Derby will be held Saturday, June 18th from 7am – 10am. Registration is now open.

Spring Daily & Specialty Rec Programs

Preschool Playgroup: Miss Heather is back and has officially begun leading our preschool playgroup by transforming the program into a nature-based sanctuary. The classroom has a fresh look, with floral tapestries, art work hung around and new play pieces to encourage safe play. We have continued on with our 18 playgroup participants and have had a few inquiries about registration for this fall already. Overall, the parents are very pleased with the program, and have really enjoyed taking home the projects the kids have created as well as seeing the pictures Miss Heather has posted in their group. This program has also made the parents excited for our Kiddie Camp program happening this summer with Miss Heather.

Safe Sitter: This month we brought back the Safe Sitter program, a course that prepares kids in 6th to 8th grade for being home alone, watching their siblings or babysitting. We ended up having 15 participants in the program and 14 participants successfully completed the course. Parents really enjoy having their child attend this course as it teaches them the basics of first aid and babysitting. We have already had inquiries of when the next session will be held.

Music is Fun for Everyone: The very popular *Music is Fun for Everyone* class for parents with children 0-36 months is back for a two-part series this spring. Our April class sold out with 10 families enrolled and 4 on the waitlist. Our instructor Erin runs the class outside at the gazebo and leads the participants in music, movement and song. Registration is open now for our May program, and we suspect it will sell out as well.



Morning and Afterschool Program: Our morning program numbers are not what we started with at the beginning – which may help us determine if we run the AM program next year. Our after-school numbers remained steady ranging from 40s-high 50s. April enrichments offered were; Trip to the Library, Cooking, Outside Games, Music and Movement and Kind Crafting. The special activities included; paper boat adventures in the estuary, relay races and spring themed crafts. As the weather continues to get nicer, the kids have enjoyed more and more time outside on the playground, courts and fields. We have brought

in one of our Assistant Camp Directors to help supervise/ support the program for the remainder of the year.



April Vacation Camp: We offered another successful vacation camp for April. We offered three full days of programming. Field trips included Hilltop Fun Center for go-karts, laser tag and mini-golf, O’Neil Cinemas to view Sonic 2 and we hosted Studio2Go (a mobile gaming truck and nerf wars) Numbers ranged from mid 20s to high 30s depending on the day.

Ju-Jitsu: For the last several months, we have collaborated with a local father; Jarrod Miller. He is an established Ju-Jitsu participant and is interested in providing the town with a grassroots program. He was able to test a “soft opening” in the Beech Street Center that went well. Jarrod looks to start an intro program for children, followed by a class for adults.

Summer Camp:

Camp Wanna registration has been open for two months and we had growing wait lists for each age group in camp. As mentioned earlier, the decision was made to take every child off the waitlist and to hope to recruit more staff to accommodate the newest additions. We completed many interviews for summer camp throughout the month. We have a surplus of Aides and Junior Counselors, though we still struggled to find qualified (college age/ mature high school) candidates. Despite this, the interviews went well enough to open up waitlists for all campers. We will continue interviewing until all positions are filled, because we need to offset the number of qualified counselors with extra support staff and the staffing budget is higher than anticipated. At this time, we have 74 children registered in Rec 1, 71 children registered in Rec 2, 60 children registered in Rec 3 and 48 children registered in Teen Turf with a total of 253 children registered. We still have a handful of families that haven’t decided on camp yet, but we are hopeful that there will be a few more sign ups. Our Kiddie Camp program is filling up as well, with our Tuesday and Thursday session selling out already. For comparison purposes here are our camp participation figures for the last 5 years:

- 2018: 279 Campers
- 2019: 307 Campers
- 2020: 100 Campers - Limited #'s due to COVID Summer Camp guidelines we needed to follow
- 2021: 207 Campers - Again, somewhat limited #'s due to continued restricted Covid guidelines.
- 2022: 253 Campers - This is where we are as of right now. As you can see, we are not quite back to pre-Covid numbers. Again, we did lose a few campers early on when we told them we would be putting them on the wait list. Not wanting to wait, they made other arrangements for their children. Staffing again is our biggest handicap.

Capital Projects, Facilities and Rentals:

Beech Street Facility: We were finally able to get the name of the flooring company that was used for the elementary school’s gym floor. We are still looking for prices for a mini split. We have also created a steering committee for the wellness programming we plan to start offering at the Beach Street facility once the renovations have been made. In the meantime, Beech Street Extension building rentals continue with 2 rentals this month, staying consistent with last month’s rentals. Starting next month, we have our first one

on many wellness programs starting. As mentioned above we will be having a soft opening in May for a Brazilian Jiu Jitsu start up program using the Beech Street facility.

Skate Board Park: Rick Malaski and the Rec team met once again and it was decided that all the components of the skateboard park will be removed due to safety issues, instead of just 3 components as was reported last month. After this, nothing has yet been decided as to whether we will be replacing the skate park anytime soon. Much is to be decided before this will happen.

Basketball Court / Pickle Ball Court: As reported last month, we continue to have to go out to the basketball court each afternoon and tell the kids that the court is off-limits until it's cleaned up, hoping they might learn something. They haven't but they are getting a bit better. So even if we invest in a new skateboard park, we fear it will be the same result, and that nothing will change. At the same time, we have been fielding many requests for the start of pickle ball. We just purchased a storage container allowing participants to play during off hours of the Rec (weekends, early mornings, etc.). We are looking for several "point people" to help facilitate the set-up, play and takedown. We are excited to offer the growing sport to many of the town's eager residents. In May we plan to open up the pickle ball courts for morning play and we are not looking forward to the pickle ball player's response to the trash they will discover each morning and will need to pick up before they can even play. We are now researching the possibility of enclosing the basketball court with a permanent all-season shelter so that we can get year-round and evening use. Stay tuned!

Aqua Land: In April a representative from Rain Drop (the manufacturers of the Splash Pad components) came by to start the process of fixing the valve issue we had last summer. We hope to have it resolved before opening day which will be Memorial Day Weekend. In regards to opening up this summer, once again, our biggest concern is staffing. In order to run the café, we need at least 2 staff and regardless of cloudy days or if the café is open or not (which the revenue generated there offsets the payroll costs) we have to have someone on site testing chemicals every 4 hours, so we might as well have the café open.

Sunrise Sunset Activity Center



Sunset Center Rec Connects with other Newmarket Organizations:

April was a whirl of activity at the Sunrise Center with programs and outings in and around our community. One of the highlights of the month was the invitation from the New Market Historical Society for our Sunrise members to participate in their new Historic Downtown Walking Tour. The three-part series took place on Wednesday mornings with Kris and John Carmichael leading the group to several destinations covering 300 years of Newmarket's past. A visit to the Stone School Museum was included in the tour where the group could peruse archived documents, artifacts and visit the creative diorama room displays furthering their in-depth view of Newmarket history.

Also, in honor of National Library Week, we joined the Newmarket Library on a trip to the Portsmouth Athenaeum where Sunrise members were treated to a private tour of this unique membership library featuring photographs, historical objects, manuscripts and a book inventory that

boasts over 40,000 volumes. The reading room, research library and gallery were stock full of interesting pieces from Piscataqua maritime history to the famous families of old Portsmouth. The group enjoyed a lunch gathering at the iconic Newick's Restaurant where they appropriately feasted on a seafood meal to complete the trip.



LRAC: Our nature lovers and outdoor enthusiasts took part in site walks at several Lamprey River access points with Lamprey River Advisory Committee member, Suzanne Petersen. The group visited Wadleigh Falls in Lee, Wiswall Falls in Durham, Tilton Conservation Area in Epping and Schanda Park in Newmarket where Suzanne provided us with a brief history of each location. Textile mills and the history of shipping on the river were discussed at length during our two days with Suzanne. Recreation and the protection of wildlife now play a significant part in the use of the river and our group came away with

a better understanding and appreciation of the designation of the Lamprey as being a Wild and Scenic River.

The Sunrise Trail Walkers group reunited this month with their first walk taking place at the Wiggin Farm/Tuttle Swamp Conservation Area. This easy but picturesque trail through open fields and some wooded paths, was the perfect way to kick off the season with many in the group needing to start with a short walk. We have other trail walks planned for the coming months at a variety of locations in Newmarket and other surrounding towns.

Additional bus trips this month included some popular favorites to the Oxford Casino and Bowling Day at Exeter Lanes. The Mystery Supper Club guests enjoyed their destination of the Fremont Pizzeria and Restaurant which offers a wide variety of menu items from Prime Rib to Lasagna. Everyone came away with leftovers from their oversized but delicious dinners that evening!

Annual Opening Day at Fenway: The Sunrise Annual Opening Day at Fenway event took place for the first time in three years with all the ballpark fun & festivities. We honored Larry Pickering, a longtime Newmarket resident and member of the center. We have now renamed this popular event the ***Larry Pickering Memorial Opening Day at Fenway Celebration***. Larry was a loyal Red Sox Fan and loved participating in our Red Sox Day each year where he would stage the first pitch to kick off the live game at Fenway on our big screen. We welcomed a full house serving Fenway Franks and Sausage Subs to our guests with all the other special ballpark food such as Cracker Jacks, popcorn and ice cream. After a brief memorial honoring Larry we presented his wife Sue with her own official Red Sox jersey, lettered with PICKERING #34 (David Ortiz was Larry's all-time favorite player).

The Random Acts of Art group kept busy on Monday mornings this month making Easter Bunny treats for the Spring Luncheon which were filled with candy for our lunch guests. Other projects included a colorful burlap wreath adorned with spring flowers and ribbon to dress up their front door and we took out the paints & brushes so they could create their own hand-painted flower pots to use as a traditional plant pot or a useful container for household items.

Bingo, Bridge, Ukulele and Bone Builders groups continue to be well attended and popular each week.

Respectfully submitted by

Aimee Gigandet and the Rec Staff

WELFARE

The Town Welfare Department continued to support clients in need with assistance and referrals to appropriate resources and for their household and emergency needs. In April we processed 16 (sixteen) complete welfare applications, resulting in determinations of eligibility. In late April this office began vetting the scholarship applications for the Newmarket recreation programs summer camp. As of May 1st, we have been reviewing applications for families who are seeking camp scholarships for Camp with the Town Recreation Program. We are still a major resource and referral line for many people or agencies seeking referrals to resources- “How do I find a place to find a resource for: Transportation? Car repairs? Clothing? Prom Gown? How can I get myself on the housing waiting list for the State? Do you know where I can get food stamps, what is the best shelter up North? Nashua?” These are the questions we hear daily.

As I mentioned in my previous report, significant time and effort are spent on those cases that may not need or qualify for town general assistance, or who in the end refuse to provide the documentation requested. We had a case that stretched from January into April- that this office and local partner agencies, spent in excess of 50 hours working on to provide assistance. This is often disappointing because you strive to support your residents or inquiries, and then they disappear. You want them to get the wraparound services they need for themselves and their families. These cases are not uncommon, but can highlight some of what is time-consuming, frustrating, and unfortunate in welfare administration.

As I have been stressing, Newmarket and the Seacoast continue to have a drastic housing shortage, and many families are struggling to purchase basic necessities, given the exorbitant rental rates, if a property can be found at all. We are getting calls from Welfare Directors all over the State seeking apartments- and we have no apartments that are accepting our clients- Newmarket it appears caters to individuals with professional incomes and Students, is what is being reported. My clientele frequently suffers from mental health issues, and this is important to recognize given the awareness in May of this critical issue. The pandemic has not aided in this situation as virtually every application I review someone has indicated they have ongoing anxiety and or depression issues that are barriers to economic sustainability.

As previously mentioned, we will review all the financial aspects of all the camp applications for the recreations camp scholarships program to help support and alleviate the financial impact of camp attendance on our resident families. Many of the families who apply for scholarships are known to this office or are referred to the program from this office so the parents or grandparents can continue to work and achieve economic self-sufficiency. This is part of the long-standing partnership or process in place to fairly review all applications equitably for financial eligibility. Our collaborative approach between the school, recreation and human services meets the needs of the families in this community to provide for a safe, enriching summer, ensuring that the parent or caregiver can continue to work to meet their financial obligations.

We directly collaborated with or advocated for clients with community partners to provide appropriate support for 26 inquires and or completed applicants in April. Town Welfare is a fund of last resort and to be utilized after all other resources have been exhausted. As I must explain to residents if one owns property and receives Town Welfare a lien must be placed on their property per State Law. This Liening process enables the Town to recoup the financial assistance or tax dollars expended on general assistance at some future date. This office provides Town General

Assistance to support the life and health of Newmarket residents as governed by NHRSA. This office and the Town benefits greatly by the incredible support of Countless Partner Agencies that grow exponentially each month. Newmarket is a caring community that seeks to collaboratively support its residents, and all those in need without creating an undue burden on the local Taxpayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Thibodeau

Welfare Director

LIBRARY

Newmarket Public Library

April 2022 Report

Newmarket's Community Read of *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* is currently in full swing. Thanks to a major grant received by the Plaistow Public Library from NH Humanities, the Newmarket Public Library was able to distribute 50 free copies of *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford and 14 free copies of *They Called Us Enemy* by George Takei to interested residents. To date, several book discussions have already taken place at the Newmarket Public Library (NPL) and Sunrise Sunset Center with additional forthcoming discussions of both books planned by School Media Specialist Becky Cole at the Newmarket Middle / High School. Related NPL programs have included a successful Active Bystander Training by the Granite State Organizing Project on 4/3 and a celebration of Japan's Children's Day with a drop-in origami craft and StoryWalk® of *Grandfather's Journey* by Allen Say on 5/5. Additional information about related events can be found on the Library's website at <https://newmarketlibrary.org/newmarket-reads-2022.html>

- Forthcoming NPL programs include:
 - A virtual demonstration of two basic styles of Sogetsu Ikebana, Japanese flower arranging with Ingrid Ahlberg, second level certificate instructor on 5/12 at 6:00pm.
 - A virtual discussion with Nancy Kikuko Adams who will share and answer questions about the experiences of her parents during their time living at the Heart Mountain Relocation Center during World War II. Moderated by Kai Uchida, Archivist, this session will take place on 5/18 at 7:00pm.
 - The Library will launch a new Teen Advisory Board for grades 7 – 12 on 5/19 at 4:15pm.
 - In recognition of Alzheimer's Awareness Month, the Library will be hosting two virtual programs sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association as follows:
 - ❖ Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia on 6/7 at 6:00pm
 - ❖ Dementia Conversations on 6/14 at 6:00pm

On DNA Day (4/25) staff member Aidan Walsh offered a virtual program titled "Expand Your Genealogy Research Through DNA Testing." This month Aidan will complete his Bachelor of Science degree in Genetics at UNH and is eager to assist residents with their genealogical research during his Saturday shifts at the Newmarket Public Library.

The Newmarket Public Library is pleased to offer educational backpacks for a one-week circulation period. They include books, activities and games to support early literacy and were

funded by an IMLS “Grants to States” program through the American Rescue Act Plan of 2021 and facilitated by the NH State Library. Families are invited to stop by to register for library cards and enjoy our expanding play space in the children’s room.



Earlier this month we were thrilled to partner with Blooming Newmarket to launch a new service, the Newmarket Seed Library. Patrons are invited to stop by to checkout seeds for this year’s growing season. Gardeners are encouraged to let a few plants go to seed and return some seeds to the library at the end of the season for the benefit of other gardeners. We look forward to hosting gardening related talks in the upcoming months as part of this new service. Many thanks to Blooming Newmarket for their support in launching this new initiative.

~ Newmarket Seed Library ~



On 5/10 several library trustees and I attended the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association Annual Conference in Concord, NH. We learned about library trends, best practices and creative initiatives in other communities and look forward to applying what we learned to enhance library service in Newmarket.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kerry Cronin, Library Director