



# “NEW GLOUCESTER TOWN NEWS”

2019 Spring Edition

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## Town Manager



It sure was an interesting winter. We had many storms with lots of ice, necessitating, toward the end of the season, conservation of sand. Gravel roads are posted and rapidly softening. Please know the Public Works Department is getting to them as quickly as they are able.

### **Warm Welcome**

Parks and Recreation Director. Please join me in welcoming Morgan Rocheleau. Morgan comes to us with extensive knowledge and experience in Parks and Recreation. He also has a Master's Degree in Recreation Administration and most recently, was employed more than 10-years by St. Joseph's College.

Fire and Rescue Chief. Please join me in welcoming Toby Martin to his new position. Toby is a resident of New Gloucester and has been a member of the department for more than 6 years. He has more than 30-years' experience as a nationally certified paramedic and extensive experience as a department head.

### **FY2020 Budget**

Our budget is complete with the exception of Fire and EMS. To streamline the Fire and EMS departments accounting, we have combined it to one cost center and have titled it Public Safety. Currently, we are waiting for information from an outside entity before we can make an informed decision. We are in hopes to have that information shortly and to be able to finalize this cost center.

Once this is finalized, it will go before the Budget Committee and on the Town Meeting Warrant.

As people are looking through the budget information, you will notice that there are increases in postage and electricity. You will also notice that the Parks and Recreation budget shows an increase. Proposed this next fiscal year is a full-time Parks and Recreation Director. This move will enable the Town to provide a broader array of programs and services for our community.

*Carrie Castonguay*  
Town Manager



## Animal Control

Just a reminder to keep our community safe by following these easy steps:

- Keep New Gloucester safe by making sure that your dog's rabies vaccinations are up to date.
- Lost Pet? Don't give up! Contact Animal Control immediately at 207-893-2810.
- Be in control of your dog when they are off of your property by either leash or voice control.
- Follow the animal noise ordinance and don't let your dog bark!
- Keep your animals contained to your property. Dog at large and animal trespass can be costly violations and they are extremely avoidable!
- Easiest way for Animal Control to reunite you with lost your dog is to make sure you follow the state law and register your dog with the town. Dog registrations begin on October 15<sup>th</sup> and are to be registered by January 31<sup>st</sup>, each year. Spayed/Neutered Dogs are \$6; \$11 if they are not. On February 1<sup>st</sup>, a State mandated late fee of \$25 per dog will be added for each dog not registered by the deadline. Animal Control will call those who have unregistered dogs and failure to register after notification could result in a \$100 per dog fine and a summons.

Ryelle Atkins  
Larissa Needham  
Mikayla Trafford  
Animal Control Officer's



## Clerk's Office

### **Property Taxes**

The second payment of the 2019 taxes is due on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and interest begins on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Payments may be made at the Town Hall, by mail or on our website [www.newgloucester.com](http://www.newgloucester.com). We accept cash, checks, and debit or credit cards, to which a processing fee is applied. If making payment by mail and you wish to have a receipt, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

### **Boat Registrations**

Boating season will be here before we know it and the 2019 stickers are available. Any boat with a motor on it must be registered.

The *Preserve Maine Waters* sticker (*Milfoil Sticker*) for boats that are used in Maine lakes or rivers is now a part of the renewal sticker. People coming into Maine with a boat who plan to use the boat in Maine must purchase a Milfoil Sticker at a cost of \$20. Boat registrations expire December 31<sup>st</sup> each year.



### **Hunting & Fishing Licenses**

Hunting and Fishing Licenses for 2019 are available now at the Town Office. Fishing Licenses are \$27. Hunting Licenses are \$28. Combination Fishing/Hunting Licenses are \$45. All Licenses expire December 31<sup>st</sup> each year.

## Clerk's Office (cont'd)

### ***Moose Lottery***

To hunt for moose in Maine, you will need a permit; and due to high demand, these permits are administered in four ways only:



1. Through two chance lottery drawings (resident and non-resident)
2. Through a competitive auction
3. Through a controlled moose hunt for disabled veterans
4. Through a hunting lodge moose lottery

MDIFW no longer accepts paper applications – you must apply online. If you do not have access to a computer or the Internet at home, we would suggest:

- Using a computer at your local library
- Using a computer at your work during lunch or a break
- Asking a friend or relative with a computer for help in applying
- The deadline to apply is **11:59 p.m. on May 15, 2019.**
- [www.maine.gov/ifw/hunting-trapping](http://www.maine.gov/ifw/hunting-trapping)

### ***ATV's and Snowmobiles***



Registrations for ATV's and Snowmobiles expires June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. Please be courteous when riding and be respectful of land owners by staying on marked trails.

*Sharlene Myers*  
Deputy Clerk

*Kimberly Getchell*  
Deputy Clerk



## Code Enforcement

Do you have Spring fever and want to make a change: New Home? Addition? Deck? Garage? Porch? Sunroom? Renovation? Please see the below checklist:

### ***When are building permits required?***

Town of New Gloucester Zoning Ordinance Article 6.1.1 Building Permit: No building or other structure shall be erected, moved, added to, or structurally altered without a building permit therefore, issued by the Code Enforcement Officer.

### ***The following information is necessary to obtain a building permit:***

Each permit application must be accompanied by an approved Res Check form for the project (see Rescheck.com) to comply with the new Maine State Energy Code.

### ***New Home***



- If a new lot, a survey of the lot.
- Each developable property shall have vehicular and utility access from abutting town ways, public easements, or private roads. Proof of access is required.
- Three copies of HHE-200, Application for Subsurface Waste Disposal (NO FAX'S).
- Proof of ownership of legal lot (recorded deed) or other legal right to build at proposed location.
- A full set of construction plans including:
  - Elevations.
  - Framing cross section.
  - Foundation plan.
  - Floor plan (each room labeled).

## Code Enforcement (cont'd)

- Plot Plan (Lot size and accurate locations of all existing or proposed structure locations with setbacks, signed and dated. Measurements from the property lines, not the edge of the road.
- Driveway location and appropriate permit for access (town or state, private ways not required). Must have accurate measurement from nearest driveway or intersecting street to obtain a house number.
- Completed building permit, with map and lot numbers.
- Please be aware that structurally complicated buildings must be reviewed by an engineer.



### Additions

- Floor plans showing existing structure and proposed changes.
- Framing plan (showing pier location and dimensions).
- Framing cross sections.
- Plot plan: lot size and accurate locations of all existing and proposed structure locations with setbacks signed and dated.
- Completed building permit, with map and lot numbers.
- A copy of HHE-200 (if additional bedrooms) to show present system will support expansion.
- Each permit application must be accompanied by an approved ResCheck form for the project (see [www.Rescheck.com](http://www.Rescheck.com)) to comply with the new Maine State Energy Code.

### Free Standing Garages, Decks, Porches, Sunrooms

- Foundation plan and floor plan for each floor.
- Detached non-dwelling structure with over 600 square feet must have a frost wall, or require an Engineers stamp on the design for posts or a slab.
- Deck construction on sonotubes must be at least 48 inches below grade and fastened. If 8" tubes are used a piece of #4 rebar should be run vertically through the tube. 10" tubes are recommended.
- Framing cross sections.
- Plot plan, showing size and location of all existing and proposed structures with setbacks signed and dated.
- Completed building permit, with map and lot numbers.
- Sheds under 200 square feet do not require permit.

### Renovations (Alterations which DO NOT increase the foot print of the house)

- Floor plans showing existing and proposed.
- Framing cross sections, showing support beams.
- Completed building permit, with map and lot numbers.

*Debra Parks Larrivee  
Code Enforcement Officer*



# Elections

## ***Nomination Papers***

Nomination Papers are now available at the New Gloucester Town Office for the following:

- ❖ Two (2) - Board of Selectmen
- ❖ Three (3) - SAD #15 School Board
- ❖ One (1) - Water District Trustee

Residents interested in running for any of the above positions must submit nominations papers with a minimum of 25 and maximum of 100 signatures, no later than [2:00p.m., April 12, 2019.](#)

## ***Elections/Town Meeting***

It's only March but Town Meeting is right around the corner. Town Meeting will be held Monday, May 6, 2019, at Memorial School, 86 Intervale Rd. at 7:00p.m. (check-in begins at 6:30p.m.).

The next Election will be held Tuesday, June 11, 2019, 6:00a.m.to 8:00p.m., at the New Gloucester Fire Station, 611 Lewiston Rd. The inclusion and content of any State ballots is yet to be determined. Please check our website [www.newgloucester.com](http://www.newgloucester.com), as this date nears.

## ***Don't forget to Register to Vote!***

If you have had a change of address, name change, Party change or, are simply a new voter, you may register to vote at Town Hall, (385 Intervale Road) or at the polls. Make sure you bring I.D. and something showing your current physical address (i.e. rent receipt, bank statement, utility bill, etc.).

## ***Ballot Clerks***

We are always looking for people to work at the polls. As the Presidential Election approaches in 2020 we will need additional people to work this very busy election. Please email or call Kim at [kgetchell@newgloucester.com](mailto:kgetchell@newgloucester.com) or (207) 926-4126 ext. 1.



# Fire/Rescue Department

## ***Chief of Department Named***

Congratulations to our new Fire & Rescue, Chief of Department Toby Martin. Chief Martin is hired from within the department. Chief Martin began February 25, 2019. Martin has over 25 years in the EMS & Fire Service. He is a Paramedic and also carries a Master's Degree in Career and Technical Training. Stop by the station and say hi.



*Photo taken by Ellie Fellers*

## ***Do you have an AED?***

We are trying to locate the citizens, businesses or organizations that have an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) on hand. AED's are used for CPR. If you have one give the station a call, as we want to help keep them inspected for you. Parts and pieces go bad and we would like to ensure that the unit is ready, in the event it's needed. Please call the station at (207) 926-4142.

## ***Batteries***

Have you replaced the batteries in your Smoke Alarms & CO Detectors? Have you tested them lately? The best time to do this is when we change our clocks or when reading this newsletter! If you know someone that needs a smoke alarm or CO detector, we are happy to provide them. Please call the station at (207) 926-4142.



*New Gloucester Fire and Rescue*

# Library

## **Book Sale**

The book sale was last month and it was just \$18 from setting a new record. Thank you to all of you that donated food, books, movies... We really appreciated it. If you weren't in line when the door opened (our line by opening was waaaay back to the granite steps), you missed the introduction of New Gloucester Nellie. She is a groundhog from here in New Gloucester. Some of the kids and I were talking last February and we didn't see how Punxsutawney Phil could predict weather here in New Gloucester since he lives almost 670 miles away. During the summer I met Nellie and she agreed to come out of hibernation to do a local weather forecast. Good news, she did not see her shadow.



## **Upcoming Events**

April 7, 2019, the Library will be having its annual Volunteer Recognition. It is a time when we say thank you to the volunteers you see upstairs working, Lila Littlefield, Grace Christian, Anne Domas, Deb Chandler, Tim Rice and Kathleen Potter, and the Trustees, Tim Terranova, CeCe Rohrbach, Allison Kostovick, Paul Morin, Robb Cotiaux, and Ceci Keddy. Watch for the books they have chosen to have us add to our collection. It's a very eclectic selection of book titles.

TBD (May): Memorial School's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be arriving for a morning visit. This is a program sponsored by the New Gloucester Historical Society, and the library is proud to be part of this class visit. Last year I found the perfect book: *When I was built*, by Jennifer Thermes. It is about a house built many years ago and now. They build a house and have to hand cut the trees down vs the machines used today, or the house is heated by a fireplace vs a furnace. The kids liked the double page spread of now we have running water and you use a bathtub, then you had the wash tub in the kitchen and you had to heat the water in the fireplace. Things they have changed.

June 10, 2019: The summer reading program will hopefully start on this date, but that all depends when school gets out in SAD15. We start the week before school is out. The theme is space this year. Watch our Facebook page for more information.



July 9, 2019: The annual Pet Show is at 6:30 pm. All pets are invited, but must be either in a kennel or on leash. Voice command doesn't count as "under command" since we have so many animals and types of animals. Fido may listen to you, but if Fluffy runs in front of him... Pre-registration is appreciated.



## Library (cont'd)

July 23 or 30, 2019: We are hoping to have the casting call for the Library Player's 2019 play. It is open to all kids, and there will be speaking and non-speaking roles. The play is being written by one of our young talented people. It is his third year in writing the play, and he is now a high school freshman. We have such talented kids in town.



August 20, 2019: Is a maybe for the end of the summer reading program. We traditionally have the end of the summer reading program a week before school starts for the upcoming year.

### Library Hours

Tues, Wed, and Thurs 9 am– noon and 1 pm– 8 pm  
Friday 9 am– noon and 1 pm– 5 pm  
Saturday 9 am– noon

Feel free to contact us with any questions  
(207) 926-4840

*Suzan Hawkins*  
Library Director

*Carla McAllister*  
Assistant Librarian



## Parks & Recreation



The saying goes "time never sits still" neither has the Parks & Recreation Department over the past few months. We have been working hard the past few months to get department working in the right direction. What direction might that be, you ask? A direction, that brings more value to the already great quality of life here in the town of New Gloucester. We have begun to focus on diversifying our programming and opportunities to enjoy all that our town has to offer. Much of the new focus will be on creating opportunities for individuals to work on their overall wellness at any age. We are looking to provide both formal and informal programs that will allow our community to reach their peak wellness.

### ***We have a NEW website!***

[www.ngrecreation.com](http://www.ngrecreation.com) is the new hub of all the great things happening with New Gloucester Parks & Recreation. We encourage everyone to take a moment to visit our newest resource and tool to keep current on all the activity within the town. We will also be launching our NEW monthly E-Newsletter from Parks & Rec Department in April. During the first week of each month we will be sending out a small newsletter to help keep everyone in the know. Individuals can sign up to receive the newsletter on the home page of our website. It only takes a couple moments to sign up and it is will be a great way to get all the exciting news right to your inbox each month.



# Parks and Recreation (cont'd)

## Summer Programs

With the warm weather on the way, we are working hard to organize our summer programs for the community. With many things still in the works, we don't want to mislead folks, but what we can share is this summer we are looking to offer more opportunities for everyone to get involved. We are looking to offer youth programs with cheering camps, golf clinics, instructional tennis and Mad Science. For the adults we will be offering fitness programs and social sport opportunities.

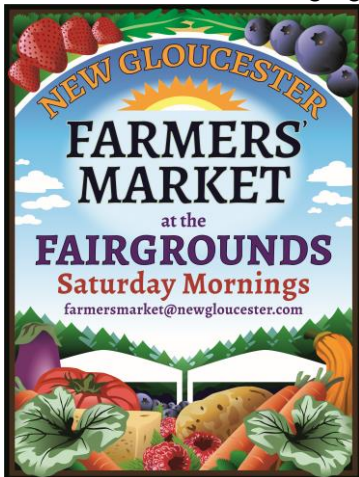


## Canoes and Kayaks

We currently have two canoes and two kayaks, along with personal floatation devices, that are located at the New Gloucester Fairgrounds and available for use this summer and fall. To sign-out the boats and equipment, please visit the New Gloucester Public Library. We would like to thank the Royal River Conservation Trust and LL Bean for their generosity in making this program possible.

## Farmer's Market

Building off the success of last fall, we are bringing back the New Gloucester Farmer's Market this summer. The Market again will be held at the Fairgrounds on Saturday mornings, no official start date has been established yet, but forecasting a late June start. With an increase number of vendors for this season, we hope to be offering the best community shopping experience yet. So come out and support local businesses.



## Senior Programming

One of the things that have already been put in place over the past couple months is increased programming for our seniors, as we have developed a partnership with the towns of Gray and Windham to provide seasonal bus trips, social programs and lunch & learn opportunities for older members community. With trips being planned for both the summer and fall season, these will be some great opportunities to get out and explore after a long winter. We also have in the works "lunch & learn" events for our seniors every other month.



## Enrichment Programming

As we focus on helping members of the community to reach their peak wellness, one of the areas that we are working to develop is our enrichment programming. This style of programming will focus on all areas of wellness, that can include social, financial, intellectual, emotional and community. This programming is where we plan to go beyond the normal expectations of recreational programming. We plan to offer more programs that will allow individuals to explore all areas and try to find their ultimate happiness. These sorts of programming would include our wealth management series about retirement we are offering this April. FMI visit our website, [www.ngrecreation.com](http://www.ngrecreation.com).





# Parks and Recreation (cont'd)

## Community Fair

Several folks have been working very hard over the past few months to re-establish the New Gloucester Community Fair in 2019. The Fair is scheduled for Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at the Fairgrounds from 9:00am to 3:00pm, with a rain date of Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. The Fair is making a distinct effort to keeping the Fair local and community focused as possible, so we need your help. We are still accepting applications for vendors, crafters and volunteers, please come out and support this great community event. FMI about the Community Fair, visit the town website [www.newgloucester.com](http://www.newgloucester.com).

*Morgan Rocheleau*  
*Parks & Recreation Director*



## Planning

### Comprehensive Plan Update Committee

The Comprehensive Plan Update Committee has worked had on getting a full understanding of the current conditions in town. Next we'll be reaching out to you and all residents of the town for help on priorities and strategies before we start writing up the plan.



We will be presenting some of the data we've collected and looking for information from you in next few months. Your input is what makes the comprehensive plan a useful

roadmap for what the town will do in next 10 years. Keep an eye out for upcoming events and surveys in late April and early May.

If you want to receive regular email updates on the progress of the update committee's work, including announcements of specific opportunities for you to give us your thoughts, contact me at [shastings@newgloucester.com](mailto:shastings@newgloucester.com) and keep an eye on the committee's page on the town website. If you have any thoughts now you don't need to wait on us, reach out to me directly or come to the committee's meetings and let me know what's on your mind!



### Land Management Planning Committee

The Land Management Planning Committee has proposed changes to the zoning ordinance that we will be voting on at the May Town Meeting. There are four separate areas covered by these changes:

- Community Living Arrangements – changes to bring the town into compliance with state law.
- Addition of a “Live in Health Care Facility” use and performance standards for review of such facilities.
- Revisions to the “similar uses” provision for consistency and clarity.
- Revisions to the site plan review submission requirements (§7.3.2.A) for clarity and ease of use

Go to the LMPC's page on the town website for the full text of these changes or reach out to me with any questions you might have.

The LMPC is now starting to look at creating a Solar Energy Array ordinance similar to our existing Wind Energy Ordinance to lay out how the town regulates and permits solar arrays and to create performance standards for large projects. Let us know if you have any questions or concerns on this topic.



# Planning (cont'd)

## ***Economic Development Committee***

The Economic Development Committee held two forums on agriculture this winter, one with local farmers discussing the practicalities of their operations and one on preservation and support of local agriculture with speakers from the state and Maine Farmland Trust. You can watch recordings of these forums on the town website. There are vacancies on the committee so if you want to be a part of what the EDC is doing get in touch!



*Scott Hastings*  
Town Planner

## **Public Works**

I do believe Winter is almost over, and the Public Works Crew will be beginning Spring cleanup soon.

### ***Street Sweeping***

Street sweeping will hopefully begin the middle of April and continuing until done in early May. Check the Town Website [www.newgloucester.com](http://www.newgloucester.com) for updates.



## ***Summer Work***

We have a very busy Summer planned with road work. Hopefully in June, paving will be completed on Long Bennett Road, from Route 100 to Turnpike Bridge. The crew will begin working on ditching and culverts on: Long Bennett Road (Turnpike to Snow Hill Road); Cobb's Bridge Road (Railroad Tracks to Auburn Line); North Pownal Road (Wallbow's to Pownal Line); Chestnut Common; and Tufts Road; getting them ready for repaving in the Fall



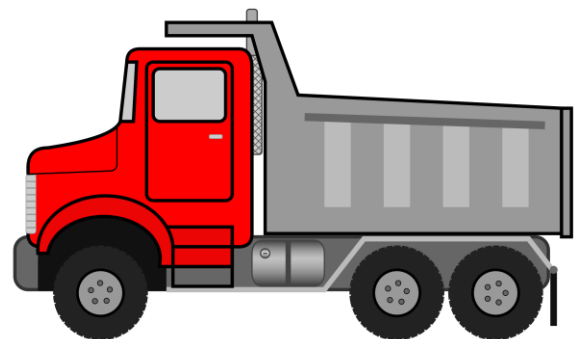
Always remember to report any road hazards to the Public Works Department at 207-926-4574, such as trees in the road, pot holes, deceased animals, street signs that are not clearly visible or missing and even damaged shoulders of the road.

## ***New Public Works Facility***

The New Public Works Facility is beginning to take shape. Steel work has begun and will be completed by the end of 2019.

Thanks for your help and support to the Public Works Department and have a safe summer season.

*Ted Shane*  
Public Works Director



## Transfer Station

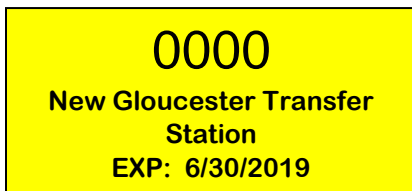
The New Gloucester Transfer Station accepts the following items through their Bulky Waste program. Bulky Waste stickers are \$5 and expire June 30th each year. The following is a list of items covered by the bulky sticker:

Baby Car Seats  
Automobile/Truck Car Seats  
Carpets  
Chairs  
Computers  
Couches  
Mattress  
Metal  
Televisions  
Toilets  
Tires (**4 per trip**)  
White Goods  
Wood (**clean**)

Brush (no larger than 4" in diameter)  
(No stumps, leaves or pine needles)

**No large drums or closed metal containers  
allowed**

The Bulky Waste Stickers are available for purchase at the Town Office and Transfer Station. This year's color is yellow (see below).



### **Clean Up Week**

Watch the Town Website [www.newgloucester.com](http://www.newgloucester.com) for the dates for the 2019 Transfer Station Clean-Up Week. Bulky Waste stickers are not needed to dispose of items during this time.

*Jeff Pratt*  
Transfer Station Supervisor

## Water District

Welcome to Spring/Summer! The Water District continues to work year-round to provide high-quality, reliable water service to our customers.

During 2018, the District released a Request for Proposals for a new contract operator to replace Auburn Water District (AWD), whose contract term was to end on December 31, 2018. Through this process, the District secured the services of Planet Wastewater Systems (PWWS) of Richmond, ME. PWWS took over operations responsibility on January 1, 2019. PWWS will provide NGWD with the same level of reliable service, while also reducing operating costs to the District. Up to date contact information for NGWD and PWWS is available on the Water District section of the Town website. If you have any questions, please contact one of the Trustees.

### **Payments**

Invoices can be paid at Town Hall or by mail (Town of New Gloucester, 385 Intervale Road, New Gloucester, ME 04260) or you can pay by Debit Card, Credit Card or Electronic Check online by visiting <https://ngwd.androgov.com/>. Any questions on your invoices, please contact Lori Anne (207) 926-4126 x1.

*Dan Bannon, Chairman*  
*Norm Chamberlain, Vice-Chairman*  
*Vaughn Hardesty, Secretary/Treasurer*



## Important Dates

April 1<sup>st</sup>

All property, both real and personal, assessed to owner as of April 1<sup>st</sup>. Owners must bring in list of property to Assessor, to be eligible to make claim for abatement.

Last day to file for tax exemptions.  
(Homestead, Veterans and Blind)

April 12<sup>th</sup>

Nominations Papers for Selectman, School Board and Water District, must be returned to Town Office by 2:00 p.m.

May 6<sup>th</sup>

2019 Annual Town Meeting  
Memorial School Gym  
86 Intervale Road  
New Gloucester, Maine  
7:00 p.m.  
(check-in begins at 6:30pm)

June 11<sup>th</sup>

Election Day  
New Gloucester Fire/Rescue Station  
611 Lewiston Road  
New Gloucester, Maine  
Poll Hours: 6:00am – 8:00pm

July 1<sup>st</sup>

Fiscal Year 2020 Commences

November 5<sup>th</sup>

Election Day  
New Gloucester Fire/Rescue Station  
611 Lewiston Road  
New Gloucester, Maine  
Poll Hours: 6:00am – 8:00pm

## Town Holidays

April 15<sup>th</sup> - Monday  
Patriot's Day

May 27<sup>th</sup> - Monday  
Memorial Day

July 4<sup>th</sup> - Thursday  
Independence Day

September 2<sup>nd</sup> - Monday  
Labor Day

October 14<sup>th</sup> - Monday  
Columbus Day

November 11<sup>th</sup> - Monday  
Veteran's Day

November 28<sup>th</sup> - Thursday  
Thanksgiving

November 29<sup>th</sup> - Friday  
Transfer Station Open Regular Hours  
All other Town Facilities Closed

November 30<sup>th</sup> - Saturday  
Library and Transfer Station Open Regular Hours

December 24<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday  
Christmas Eve (close at 12pm)

December 25<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday  
Christmas

December 31<sup>st</sup> - Tuesday  
New Year's Eve (close at 12pm)

January 1<sup>st</sup> – Wednesday  
New Year's Day

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**Time Warner Cable TV Channel 3**  
**is now Spectrum Cable TV**  
**Channel 1302**

# Pictures

Below are pictures of the New Public Works Facility in the beginning stages:



Did you know the “**Town of New Gloucester**” is on [Facebook](#)??

Additional Pictures will be posted on our Facebook page as the Building takes shape.