

ALEXANDRIA TODAY MAY 2012 EDITION

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Low & Moderate Tax Relief Program:

The Low and Moderate Tax Relief Forms are available (Form DP-8). The form must be mailed between May 1 and June 30. If you need help completing the form, please call me and I will assist you (744-3220).

Did you miss the Selectboard Meeting? You can view the Selectboard Meetings on Newfound Region Media Access Channel 24 at the following times: Tuesdays @ noon, 7pm, & midnight, Fridays @ 6am, and Saturdays @ 8pm. **The Selectboard Meetings are now available on the Town's website!**

Meeting minutes, newsletters, alerts and other helpful information can be found on the Town's website www.alexandrianh.com.

Office Hours

Selectmen's Office – 744-3220

Monday: 8 am to 4 pm
Tuesday: 11 am to 6 pm
Wednesday: 8 am to 4 pm
Thursday: 8 am to 4 pm
Friday: CLOSED

Town Clerk & Tax Collector – 744-3288

Monday: 9 am to 4 pm
Tuesday: 9 am to 4 pm
Wednesday: 9 am to 4 pm
Thursday: 9 am to 7 pm
Friday: CLOSED

Transfer Station

Monday: 8 am to 12 pm
Wednesday: 11:30 am to 7:30 pm
Saturday: 8 am to 4 pm

Police Department – 744-6650

Chief Donald Sullivan

When dispatcher picks up, give dispatcher your message. They will page an officer on the radio. Cell phones are not reliable locally.

Highway Department – 744-6516

Gary Patten, Road Agent

Town Clerk/Tax Collector



All Dog Licenses expire on April 30, 2012.
2012 Dog Licenses are NOW AVAILABLE.

Dog Fees are as follows:

Puppy	\$6.50
Spayed or Neutered	\$6.50
Unaltered	\$9.00
Senior (Dog owned by Senior Citizen, 1 st dog only)	\$2.00
Group (5 dog minimum)	\$20.00

Proof of Current Rabies vaccination is required.

BEACH PASSES

are now available for purchase
at the Town Clerk's office.



Adults ages 12+: \$3.00 per person
Children ages 6-11: Passes are required for each person, but at no charge
Children ages 0-5: Free, no passes needed
NH Residents over 65: Free with a NH driver's license
To purchase by mail, please send a self addressed, stamped envelope with a list of names and ages with a check for the correct amount made payable to Town of Alexandria.

Supervisors of the Checklist

June 5th is the last day to change party affiliation before the state primary election on September 11, 2012. This can be done with the Supervisors or at the Town Clerk's office.

Who's My Legislator?

For Grafton County Alexandria
Representatives
District 08

Harold T Reilly: 1684 Ragged Mountain Highway,
Hill, NH 03243-6871
Email: pegskip05@hughes.net

Jeffrey Shackett: 85 Ten Mile Brook Road, Bristol,
NH 03222
Email: jeffrey.shackett@leg.state.nh.us

Paul Simard: 91 Beech Street, Bristol, NH 03222
Email: paul.simard@leg.state.nh.us

Senate

District: 02
Jeanie L Forrester: State House, 107 North Main
Street, Room 105-A, Concord, NH 03301
Email: jeanie.forrester@leg.state.nh.us

You can and should let your representatives know
your views on the issues!

Alexandria Historical Society

Town Clean-up

Saturday May 5, participate in Town Wide Roadside Clean-up; 9 to 11 am. Blue bags can be picked up at the Tucker House. Wear gloves and plan on separating the recyclables. The Transfer Station will be alerted and filled bags can be taken to them, dropped on the road side when filled or brought to the Tucker House. For more information call 744-5831 or 744-3532.

Historical Society

Thursday May 10, 7 pm. In the Town Hall, we are proud to host a presentation on General George Henry Thomas, a Civil War commander. The only soldier who never lost a battle, proclaimed by his peers to be the best General of the 19th Century. A power-point presentation by Historian David Decker. Open to all. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 744-5831 or 744-3532.



Recycling Committee 5/12

The Board of Selectmen has reviewed and acted on our recommendations which were submitted in February. The recommendations and subsequent action taken by the board can be reviewed in the minutes of the April 17, 2012 board meeting; these are available on the town's website or at the town office.

The sub-committee working to develop guidelines for expanding our recycling facilities did not meet in April; we are continuing to visit and gathered information from other area facilities. We are still hopeful that our report will be completed by June 30th; however, this is a long range project with no immediate impact, so there is some flexibility should more pressing issues surface.

We have been requested by the selectmen to do an analysis of the impact of converting to a **single stream** recycling system. We have begun this project and hope to have a recommendation ready for the board's consideration early this fall. We'll continue to update you in the monthly newsletter article.

Money in our Pockets Through the 1st Quarter of 2012, our savings are \$2258. With an objective of \$18,000 for the year, we should be at about \$4,500. However, the 1st Quarter is usually a little slow as the majority of 'seasonal' residents have not returned and total volume in general is down. We estimate that about 65% of our residents are recycling to some degree - thank you. If your one of the 35% who is not yet recycling, please consider joining your neighbors, begin recycling and save yourself some money.

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs

Switching from traditional light bulbs to compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) is an effective and simple change everyone can make right now to reduce energy use and prevent greenhouse gases that contribute to global climate change. Energy Star qualified CFLs use up to 75 percent less energy than incandescent light bulbs, last up to 10 times longer, cost little up front, and provide a quick return on investment. CFLs do contain a very small amount of mercury sealed within the glass tubing that, if released into the environment, can pose a hazard to human health or harm the environment. No mercury is released when the bulbs are intact or in use, so proper handling and disposal will eliminate any mercury risk from CFLs. Worn out or broken bulbs should be properly recycled or disposed of, using one of the options outlined below.

Used or broken CFLs should **never** be disposed of in regular household trash. In New Hampshire, it is illegal to dispose of any products containing mercury in landfills, incinerators, or transfer stations. Energy Star qualified CFLs have a warranty, so if the bulb fails within the warranty period, you may be able to return it to your retailer for a free replacement. Otherwise, the N.H. DES recommends that burned out CFLs be recycled at local recycling facilities or retail stores if at all possible. Some of the stores in our area that offer recycling are: The Home Depot, Lowes, True Value Hardware and Ace hardware. Call the store before you go to be sure they are set up for recycling. If recycling is not an option, the DES recommends that broken or burned out CFLs be taken to a local HHW [household hazardous waste] collection site, or held until a HHW collection day is scheduled for our area. Information and dates of local household hazardous waste collection days will be in the newsletter and posted at the town hall and transfer station.

Do not throw broken or burned out CFLs away in household trash! Materials from broken bulbs should be placed in a small container that can be tightly closed and stored out of the reach of children; burned out bulbs should be carefully stored in a way that they won't get broken.

Please send your suggestions, tips, and comments to: steve.whitman@metrocast.net

Anyone wishing to receive electronic copies of committee business conducted electronically or meeting minutes can do so by providing me with an email address. Email your request to: alexrecycling@metrocast.net. Records of all Recycling Committee activity can also be viewed in that email account. Account password is **committee**.