TOWN OF NEWMARKET NEW HAMPSHIRE

History Meets the Modern Edge: Newmarket Unveils First Art Triangle

The Arts, Culture & Tourism Commission recently installed the town's first art triangle next to the flag pole on Main Street. The triangle was fabricated by welder, Ed Fountain and features art panels previously displayed in the Artist Among Us pocket park mural. The Commission intends to install three more triangles along Main Street to further extend the planned Art Corridor. According to Town Manager, Steve Fournier, the triangles also will be used to promote town events and community announcements so be sure to check it out postings regularly.

Metal artist, Markus Weinfurter, topped off the first triangle with a cormorant metal sculpture created from historic tools and parts donated by the New Market Historical Society. "Contemporary art created from historic materials perfectly captures the uniqueness of Newmarket," noted Debra Smith, Commission Chair.

Markus is working on the next sculpture which will be installed next spring, pending confirmation of the subject matter. The first two sculptures were funded by an Eversource Community Grant. The Commission is currently seeking funding sources for the remaining two sculptures. If you would like to make a donation to the sculpture project or are connected with a grant provider, please email atcommission@newmarketnh.gov to discuss details.



Newmarket's 2026 Top Dog

Calling all dog owners! It's time to get those tails wagging and your paperwork in order. The search for **Newmarket's 2026 Top Dog** has officially begun!
Last year, our community was charmed by **Jack**, our 2024 winner. Now, the spotlight is waiting for a new local legend to take the throne. Could it be your furry best friend?

How to Enter
Entering is easy—in fact, you might already be in the running! To be automatically entered into the drawing, simply ensure:

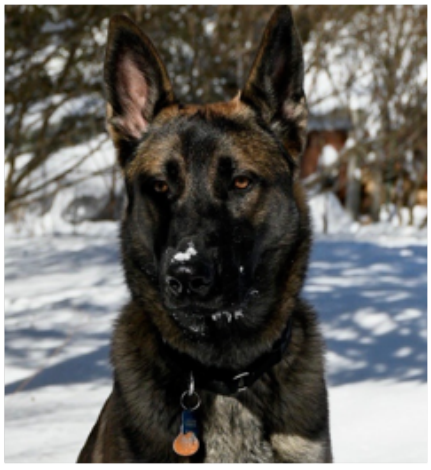
- Your dog is **licensed** with the Town of Newmarket by **April 30, 2026**.
- Your dog's **rabies vaccination** is current and on file.

The Grand Prize
The lucky winner of the May 1st drawing will enjoy some serious local "paw-tographs" and perks, including:

- **The Coveted #1 Dog Tag** for the 2027 licensing year.
- **A Place of Honor:** Your dog's portrait will be prominently displayed in the Town Clerk's Office.
- **Local Fame:** Your pup will become the official "face" of Newmarket's dog licensing materials!

Mark Your Calendars! The drawing will take place on **May 1, 2026**. Don't miss the deadline to license your pet and give them a shot at the title.

Let's make 2026 a year to remember for Newmarket's canine community. Visit the Town Clerk's office or check www.newmarketnh.gov/342/Town-Clerk---Tax-Collectors-Office to complete your registration today!



Our 2024 Winner, Jack

Newmarket Community Power – New Rates Effective February 1, 2026

Newmarket, one of 67 cities and towns in New Hampshire, joined The Community Power Coalition Of New Hampshire (CPCNH). CPCNH buys electricity for member communities, bills through Eversource, and advocates for them in state and utility commissions.

CPCNH's basic residential rate for February 1st, 2026, to July 2026, will be 14.6 cents per kWh, an increase of 1.2 cents per kWh from the current rate. Eversource's rate will be 11.3 cents per kWh during this period.

An average Newmarket resident uses 515 kWh per month. The current Community Power rate is 13.4 cents per kWh, while the new rate will be 1.2 cents higher, resulting in an average increase of $6.18 per month. Compared to Eversource's proposed rate of 11.3 cents per kWh, the difference of 3.3 cents per kWh will result in an average increase of $16.99 per month over Eversource.

Newmarket Community Power's rate is higher than Eversource due to CPCNH's role in purchasing electricity, billing through Eversource, and advocating for member communities.
Rates are based on CPCNH's cost of service, including a community reserve adder. This adder funds our reserves to retire financing obligations in 2026, ensuring competitiveness and clean energy alternatives for our community.

Why stay with Newmarket Community Power?

- - We offer unique 33%, 50%, and 100% clean energy products.
- - We advocate for communities. In 2025, CPCNH prevented Eversource from recovering $3 million undercharging large customers.
- - CPCNH is member-controlled, enhancing energy independence. Members benefit from local projects like the 5-megawatt Poverty Plains community solar array in Warner, scheduled for 2026.

Switching providers is easy. You can choose between Community Power, third-party options, or your utility.

To opt in, out, or select cleaner power, visit our website (Newmarket | CPCNH – Community Power NH), call 1-866-603-7697 (POWR), or email Info@CommunityPowerNH.gov**.**

Commercial customers or those enrolled in higher clean energy products can view rate options on CPCNH's Residential Rates and Commercial Rates webpages.

Save the Date: TURTLEFEST 2026 is Coming!

Get ready for a day of discovery, creativity, and community! Hosted by the **Newmarket Conservation Commission**, TURTLEFEST 2026 is set to take over town on **Saturday, May 9th**.

This year's festival promises to be our most vibrant yet, blending education with the local spirit that makes Newmarket so unique. Whether you're a lifelong resident or a curious visitor, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

What's Happening?
The festival grounds will be packed with interactive experiences designed to inspire all ages:
Hands-On Exhibits: Get up close with nature and science through interactive displays.
Engaging Talks: Hear from local experts on conservation, wildlife, and sustainability.
Kids' Crafts: A dedicated space for young creators to get messy and imaginative.
Field Trips: Guided excursions to explore the hidden natural gems of Newmarket.
Live Local Music: Enjoy the sounds of our community with a lineup featuring local talent.

Event Details
When: Saturday, May 9, 2026



Looking Ahead: Important Dates For 2026

Your voice is vital in shaping the future of Newmarket. Please take note of these important budgetary and election milestones:

- **Budget & Deliberative Sessions**
  - January 12 (6:30 pm): Public Hearing for FY2027 Town and School Budgets.
- **Deliberative Session**
  - January 31 (9:00 am)
- **Run for Office**
  - Filing Period: January 21 – January 30.
  - File your candidacy at the Town Clerk's office.

Open Positions: www.newmarketnh.gov/574/2026-Town-Filing-Period .

2026 Election Dates

Town Election	State Primary	General Election
September 8	March 10	November 3

Embracing Different Minds: Understanding Neurodiversity

We often talk about "typical" development, but the reality is that there is no single "right" way for a human brain to function. Just as we celebrate biodiversity in nature, **Neurodiversity** celebrates the natural variation in human wiring.

Whether it is ADHD, autism, anxiety, or dyslexia, these differences are not "deficits" to be fixed—they are unique ways of experiencing and interacting with the world. When we understand how neurodivergent brains operate, we can move away from frustration and toward effective, compassionate support.

Join Us for a Special Seminar & Workshop

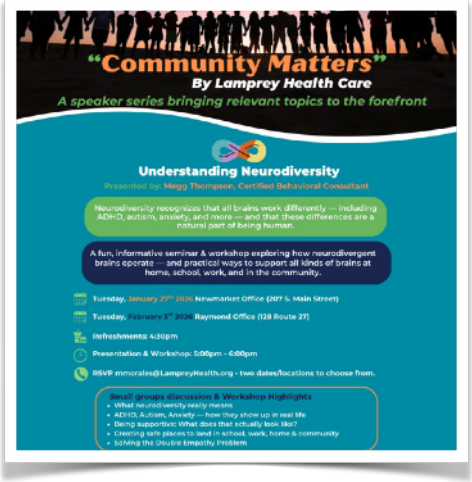
We are thrilled to invite you to an engaging, fun, and highly informative session presented by **Megg Thompson, Certified Behavioral Consultant**.

This workshop is designed for parents, educators, professionals, and community members who want to gain a deeper understanding of neurodivergent lived experiences. You'll walk away with **practical strategies** to support all kinds of brains in every environment: at home, in the classroom, at work, and throughout our community.

Space is limited, and we want to ensure we have enough refreshments for everyone! Please RSVP to **mmorales@LampreyHealth.org** and specify which date/location you plan to attend.

"Neurodiversity may be every bit as crucial for the human race as biological diversity is for life in general." — *Harvey Blume*

Come learn how to turn understanding into action and help create a community where every brain can thrive. We look forward to seeing you there!



Help Fill the Need: Give Blood This January

Newmarket has two vital opportunities to give back and save lives. Blood supplies often run low during the winter months, and your donation can make a lifesaving difference for patients in need.

Option 1: Newmarket Recreation Center
- **When:** Friday, January 16, 2026
- **Time:** 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM
- **Where:** 1 Terrace Dr, Newmarket, NH 03857

Option 2: Newmarket Polish American Club
- **When:** Monday, January 19, 2026
- **Time:** 12:00 PM – 4:30 PM
- **Where:** Function Hall, 18 Central Street, Newmarket, NH 03857

Why Donate?
Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. From emergency surgeries to cancer treatments, your single donation can help save up to three lives.

Pro-Tips for a Successful Donation:
- **Hydrate:** Drink plenty of water in the days leading up to your appointment.
- **Eat Well:** Have a healthy meal before you arrive.
- **Bring ID:** Remember to bring your donor card or a valid photo ID.





Join The Newmarket School District

Are you looking for a rewarding role in a truly supportive environment? The Newmarket School District is hiring, and we invite you to explore the many opportunities to join our team!

Newmarket is a great place to work, offering a professional culture that is **friendly, focused, and deeply child-centered.**

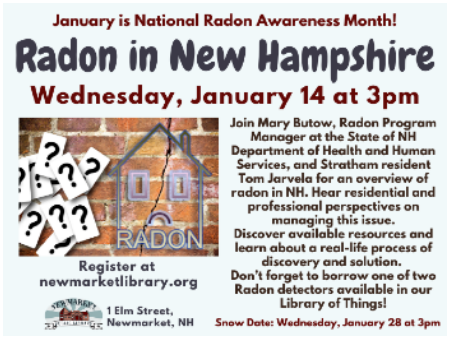
We currently have several key employment opportunities available.

If you are passionate about contributing to a vibrant and dedicated school community, we encourage you to learn more and apply today!

Learn more and apply at: https://www.newmarket.k12.nh.us/sau31/human-resources/index

Newmarket Public Library Events









Newmarket Public Library News

Stay Informed: Check Out All the Newmarket Library Has to Offer!

Check out the newmarketlibrary.org to stay up to date on upcoming events and services! We have so many great weekly and monthly programs, all are welcome.

We'd like to spotlight our Cultural Passes, sponsored by the Friends of the Newmarket Public Library! Pick up a pass and get a discounted admission to: Peabody Essex Museum, Bedrock Gardens, The Children's Museum of NH, Currier Museum of Art, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, NH State Parks Pass, Seacoast Science Center, Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, Strawbery Banke Museum, and the Woodman Museum. Visit newmarketlibrary.org for details or give us a call!!

PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB

Page Turners Book Club meets on the last Tuesday of each month at 2 pm. Books may be picked up at the front desk at the beginning of each month. No registration is necessary; just drop by!

DIGITAL RESOURCES AT THE LIBRARY

Our digital library is open 24/7! Download Libby, Hoopla, and TumbleBook Library for ebooks, audiobooks, TV, movies, music, and more for free with your library card.

OPEN ART STUDIO FOR ALL AGES

Join us for Open Art Studio on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays and Saturdays of the month! All ages and abilities are invited to drop-in anytime between 12-3pm. We supply the materials, a little inspiration, a theme and you tap into the artist within. Painting, beading, weaving, mobiles, and East Asian brushwork art forms are some of the art styles we will explore.

STORY-TIMES AT THE NEWMARKET PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join Miss Heather for delightful stories, songs, and fun with friends! We have story-time three days a week:
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays at 10:30 AM.

Special Event:
Pajama Story-time: On the first Monday of each month at 6:00 PM, come in your pajamas for a cozy evening of stories!

Introducing Messy Mondays! Join us after storytime at 11am for a fun, messy and creative activity at the Library! Challenge your child to explore new sensory experiences while learning in a familiar environment.

Newmarket Recreation Events

BODYWISE
PHYSICAL THERAPY & WELLNESS

MUNCH N LEARN

BACK PAIN
INFO & STRATEGIES

WED, JANUARY 21, 10AM
AT THE SUNRISE CENTER
2 TERRACE DR, NEWMARKET
SUNRISE@NEWMARKETNH.GOV, 603-659-4469

FREE! ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND!

COME ENJOY COFFEE & TREATS WHILE LEARNING FROM BODYWISE PT!



Munch N Learn:
Advanced Care Directives
Wed, Jan 14, 10am
At the Sunrise Sunset Center
Free! Snacks & Coffee Provided

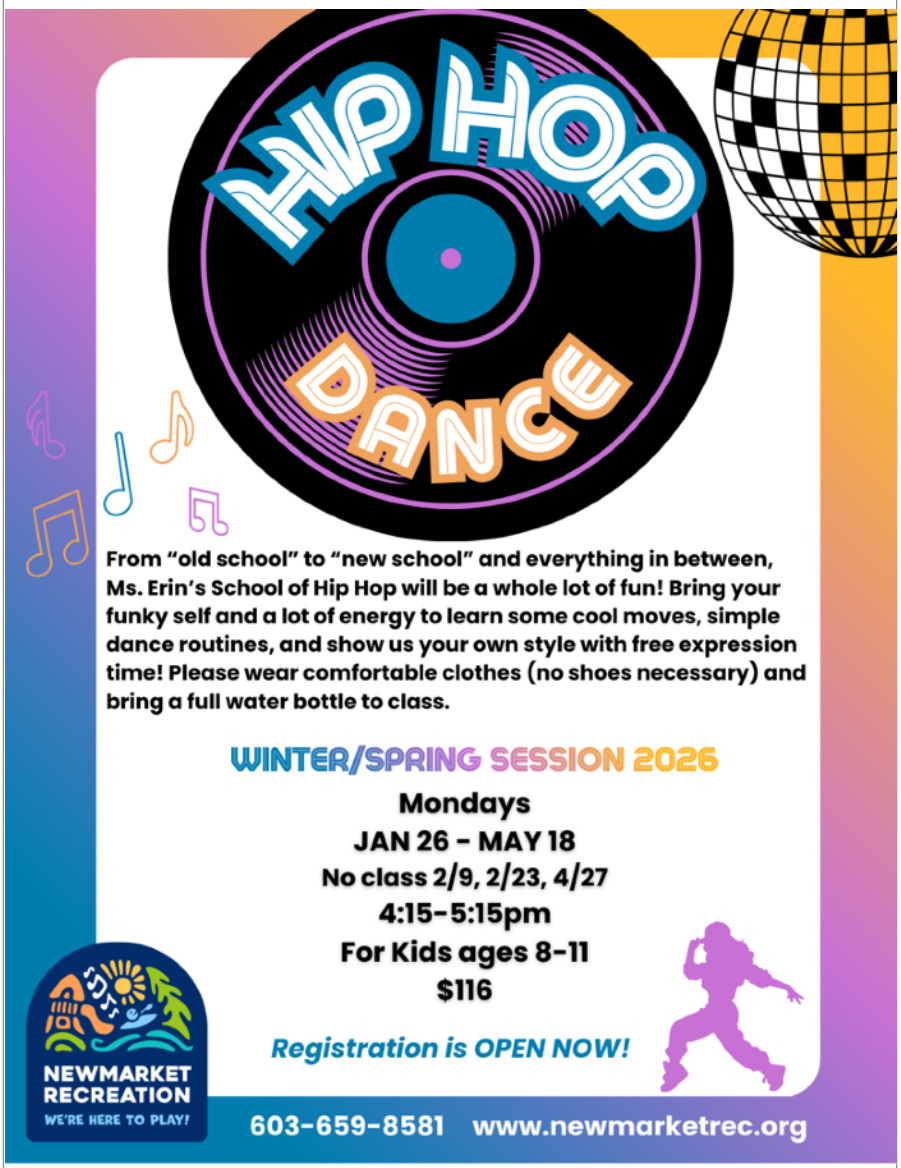
This educational program is presented by the REAP program which provides free community-based, short-term support for older adults who live in New Hampshire. (603) 957-5913

REAP: Referral, Education, Assistance, & Prevention

SEACOAST MENTAL HEALTH CENTER
Providing hope. Promoting recovery.

Ballet &Jazz with Miss Maddy

Ready to bring some "old school" flair and "new school" energy to your Monday afternoons? We are thrilled to announce the **Winter/Spring 2026 Session** of Ms. Erin's School of Hip Hop!



This high-energy class is designed for kids who love to move, groove, and express themselves. Students will learn cool choreography and simple dance routines, while also having dedicated "free expression" time to show off their own unique style.

Newmarket Community Notes

New Year, New Way To Give: The Newmarket Community Church Wish List

Help Stock the Pantry! Newmarket Community Church has launched a new **Amazon Wish List** to better serve Newmarket and Newfields families.

- **High-Priority Needs:** Staple food items, soap, shampoo, and deodorant.
- **Why it matters:** These are essential items often unavailable through regional food banks.
- **Shop here:** https://a.co/iUDs2xM

137 Main St. Newmarket, NH | NewmarketChurch.org



A Year of History, A Future of Memories: Happy New Year from the Stone School Museum

The Newmarket Historical Society and the Stone School Museum have had a very busy year in 2025. We will be releasing our 2026 calendar of events soon. In the meantime, we hope you enjoy cozy gatherings with family and friends and good cheer in the coming year!

https://nhnmhs.com/

You're Not Alone This Holiday Season

The holiday season can be a beautiful time, but it also comes with its own set of challenges, like family gatherings, financial pressures, and the pressure to create the perfect celebration. It's perfectly normal to feel a bit lonely, sad, or stressed when reality doesn't quite match the picture-perfect images we see.

Remember, if you or someone you know is facing difficulties with mental health, substance use, or thoughts of suicide during this time, you are **not alone. Support is available right now.** The **988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline** offers free, confidential assistance to everyone, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The holidays can bring more than just mental health challenges. If you need support with housing, safety, or substance use, there are resources ready to help you. **For a comprehensive, confidential guide to finding food, shelter, heating assistance, and other community services, simply call 211 in New Hampshire.**

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, the NH Statewide Hotline is here for you, **offering 24/7 confidential support at 1-866-644-3574.**

Please know that you are not alone, and there is help available for whatever you're going through.

