TOWN OF NEWMARKET NEW HAMPSHIRE

Preserving a Piece of the Piscataqua: The Story of the Last Fish Weir

Newmarket's waterfront holds a secret that is unique in all of New Hampshire. While the tides of the Lamprey River have seen centuries of change, one ancient tradition still stands—the state's **only remaining fish weir.**

The New Market Historical Society cordially invites you to a special free event exploring the fascinating history of this local landmark and the spirited "battle" fought to ensure it remains a part of our coastal heritage.

Event Highlights

- **The Deep Dive:** Discover how these intricate wooden structures were used for centuries to trap fish with the changing tides.
- **The Survival Story:** Learn about the legal and environmental hurdles faced in keeping this specific weir functional and protected.
- **Local Legends:** Hear firsthand accounts of the weir's role in Newmarket's maritime identity.

Meet Your Presenters

We are thrilled to host **Jerry Collins** and **John Carmichael**, who will lead us through the archives and anecdotes that define this unique piece of New Hampshire history.

- **Cost:** Free and open to the public
- **Host:** New Market Historical Society

Whether you're a history buff, a fishing enthusiast, or just curious about the structures you see out on the water, this is an evening you won't want to miss.

Reserve your spot at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/why-the-weirs-tickets-19858252226698?aff=ebdssbdestsearch

Spring Into Action: Your Guide to Household Hazardous Waste

Spring cleaning season is here — and while you're clearing out the clutter, don't forget about what's lurking under the sink and in the back of the garage. Some of those old cleaners, paints, and chemical products can't just go in the trash. They're classified as **household hazardous waste (HHW)**, and disposing of them the right way protects your family, your neighbors, and your local environment.

What makes a product hazardous?

If it's on a shelf in your home, it might not seem dangerous — but check the label. Products marked with "Danger," "Warning," "Poison," or "Caution" contain hazardous ingredients that need special handling. These products may be:

- **Flammable** — easily ignited
- **Corrosive** — damaging to skin and tissue on contact
- **Reactive** — unstable when exposed to heat, shock, or pressure
- **Toxic** — harmful if swallowed, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin

Common culprits include oil-based paints, drain cleaners, pesticides, motor oil, and certain batteries.

So where does it all go?

The easiest answer? Use it up. If the product still works, finish it as intended and dispose of the empty container normally. If you have usable leftovers — like paint — consider donating to a local school, nonprofit, or passing it along to someone who can use it.

For everything else, c**heck the town's website** for scheduled HHW Collection Days, typically held in spring or fall. A list of participating towns is available on the NHDES website.

Lithium-ion batteries — found in everything from laptops to power tools — are now **banned from regular household trash** in New Hampshire. Make sure those get dropped off at a proper collection site too.

For a full list of resources, visit the NHDES HHW page and the Managing My Waste page.

For more information and additional resources go to **https://myemail.constantcontact.com/GREENWorks--March-2026--Why-Hazard-a-Guess--A-Spring-Cleaning-Guide-to-Household-Hazardous-Waste.html?soid=11315652837 34&aid=w5y1YD_eG5M**

Get Outside and Give Back: Newmarket Roadside Cleanup

Spring is the perfect time to freshen up more than just your home. Join your neighbors for the **Newmarket Roadside Cleanup** on **Sunday, April 26** and help make our community a little cleaner and a lot brighter.
Stop by the **Newmarket Public Library between 9–11am** to pick up bags, a road assignment, and instructions — then complete your section by end of day. No sign-up required, just show up ready to pitch in!
Rain date: Sunday, May 3 Questions? Contact Toni Weinstein at toniweinstein@gmail.com.



Save the Date- Sunday, June 14th 250th Unity Tree Mosaic Mural Now in Progress

The Arts, Culture & Tourism Commission is thrilled to announce the creation of a magnificent 650-piece mosaic mural on Main Street, just opposite. This new mural installation will extend the Art Corridor, which the Commission initiated at the Artist Among Us Pocket Park in 2023. The Unity Tree mural was made possible by the generous support of an art-loving resident. As a result, community members of all ages have been actively participating in painting 4-inch tiles at open events held at various locations, including the Sunrise Sunset Center, Library, High School, and most recently, the Unplugged event last weekend. If you're interested in having a tile in our new mural, join us for our upcoming painting date: April 13 at 6 pm at the Newmarket Historical Society. The completed mural will be unveiled on Sunday, June 14th, in celebration of America's 250th anniversary. This is a fantastic opportunity for families to come together and celebrate our country and community. The event is organized in partnership with the Newmarket 250/300 Committee. Stay tuned for more details. Until then, mark your calendars and save the date!

SPRING STINKS!

The cheerful chirps and tweets of songbirds, the first woodpeckers pecking at larvae, and the scent of wet dirt under melting snow all signal the arrival of spring. The scientific name for the smell of rain, petrichor, is a combination of soil bacteria and plant oil residues hitting porous surfaces as rain splatters on the ground. While the scents of early spring flowers may not be as strong as those of later blooms, the sight of early color in the yard or garden evokes the scents of roses and lilacs. Skunks are on the move, and their distinctive scent can be detected in the night air. On roadsides, pathways, or trails on town conservation properties, you might encounter a more peculiar scent—stink! Slow down and look low to see the first evidence of skunk cabbage, a fascinating plant with the name symplocarpus foetidus, derived from Greek and Latin words meaning "connection" and "stink." This plant grows in wet matted leaves or in slow-running brooks, lining the forest bottom as the snow recedes and sunlight filters through the trees. Once you see it, you can't miss it.

In this phase, you'll see maroon or maroon and chartreuse speckled thick arched shapes with tiny grey-green leaves sprouting. Before the leaves grow larger, you'll see the plant's bloom or fruit, resembling a cream-colored pinecone or a familiar houseplant. Skunk cabbage, Peace Lilies, and Jack-in-the-Pulpit are all in the Arum family.

This plant has remarkable features. Its scent lures pollinators, and its large, bright green leaves with visible veins grow throughout the summer and autumn. It's a hardy plant that grows by rhizomes and seed dispersal. Even with snow, it generates heat and melts snow in a circle around its sprouts.

Skunk cabbage may be camouflaged as it emerges in areas with debris like cans and bottles. It plays a role in the environment by attracting flies and other bugs and providing shade to other ground growth. It's not edible due to its bitter taste and mild burning sensation. Indigenous people used it as a medicine to reduce coughs and move phlegm.

Studying skunk cabbage reveals information about related plants like the Peace Lily and other thermogenic plants that generate heat to attract pollinators. The Corpse Flower, native to Indonesian rainforests, raises its temperature to disperse the stench of rotting carrion, attracting beetles and flies for pollination. While the Corpse Flower is unique to rainforests, North America has its own thermogenic plant, the paw paw, which generates heat and volatile chemicals to lure pollinators and produce more fruit. Unlike skunk cabbage, which sprouts through snow in late winter and early spring, paw paw plants use heat to attract pollinators.

We hope you'll enjoy the sounds of birds, spring buds, and early blooms. Now that you know what to sniff for, visit a colony of skunk cabbage and note its location. Visit year after year to



In a matter of days, the skunk cabbage will show a bit more of an opening where you'll see the cream colored pinecone shaped tight collection of tiny flowers, luring in flies and other small insects. As it leafs out, brushing up against the leaves releases the reason it's named the way it is! Get out, traipse in wet wooded areas or even along roadsides lining forests, and see these interesting plants for yourselves!

A Week in the Life of the Newmarket Community Fridge

It doesn't take a holiday or a special occasion to find the Newmarket Community Fridge hard at work. Seven days a week, at 207 South Main Street, the need is there — and so is the community that shows up to meet it.

Monday through Sunday, neighbors from all walks of life stop by the fridge. A parent stretching a tight grocery budget. A senior on a fixed income. Someone going through an unexpected rough patch. The fridge doesn't ask questions — it just gives. And it's only able to do that because of people like you.

Every Contribution Counts

Whether you've dropped off a bag of groceries, made a donation, or simply spread the word, you are part of something bigger than yourself. The Newmarket Community Fridge runs on the generosity and goodwill of this community, and every single contribution — no matter the size — goes directly toward helping a neighbor in need.

The impact is real. The difference is felt. And it happens every single day.

How You Can Help

The fridge is only as full as the community makes it. Here are a few simple ways to get involved:

- **Donate food** — Drop off non-perishable items or fresh produce at 207 South Main Street, Newmarket
- **Spread the word** — Share this article and let others know the fridge is here and always welcoming donations

Thank You, Newmarket

To everyone who has ever dropped something off, told a friend, or simply believed that no neighbor should go hungry — this is for you. From the bottom of our hearts, **thank you.** You are making a difference to each and every person who comes to the fridge, and that is something truly worth celebrating.

The Newmarket Community Fridge is located at **207 South Main Street, Newmarket, NH 03857**. Stop by, stock up, or give back — because in this community, we take care of each other.

Tickets on Sale Now!

The Newmarket Drama Club presents, *Shrek the Musical! April 10th - 12th*

Showtimes:

April 10th - Cast Shrek - 6:30pm - 9pm
April 11th - Cast Shrek - 1pm- 3:30pm
April 11th - Cast Fiona - 6:30pm - 9pm
April 12th - Cast Fiona - 1pm - 3:30pm

Get your tickets, here or at the door! **https://our.show/shrekatnewmarketdrama**

Adult tickets $10, Student tickets are $5, and kids 4 and under are free in general admission.
Limited Reserved Seating available online, only! First 3 rows, Adult Tickets $20, Student and Kids $10.

Buy Ad Space!

The Drama Club is a mostly self-funded organization who are currently fundraising. We are looking for sponsorship from individuals or businesses who would like to purchase an ad in our show program. Fundraising closes March 27th.

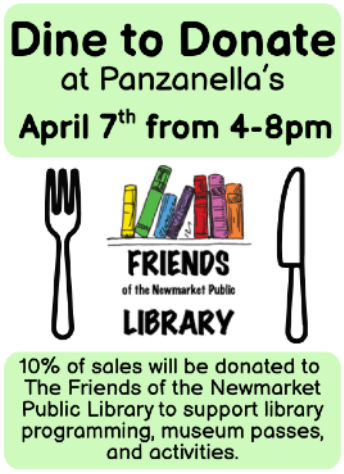
Full Page Ad - $100
Half Page Ad - $50

Interested in being a sponsor, visit our site here for more information!
https://onthestage.tickets/newmarket-performing-arts/campaigns/program-ads-shout-outs-and-sponsorships-shrek-the-musical-5970



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.

ADULT CRAFTERNOON

Drop-In Fridays from 12-4:30pm

Try a new craft every Friday at the Library! Supplies are provided. Drop in with friends or see who you meet!

Crafting skill levels are appropriate for adults only.

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:

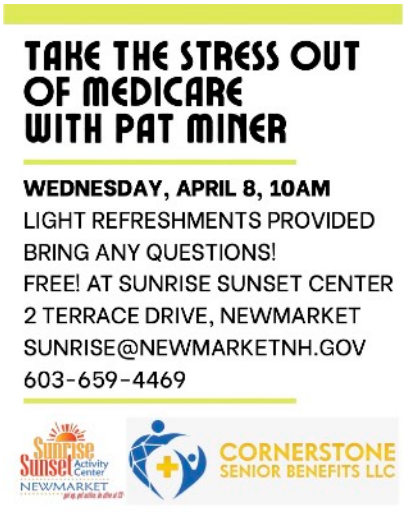
Pajama Story-time: On the first Monday of each month at 6:00 PM, come in your pajamas for a cozy evening of stories!

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







Hoppy Holiday Everyone!



The Newmarket Rec Bunnies are here to celebrate some Easter Game Fun with your kids, which includes both the Hunt along with creative theme games as well! So HOP TO IT and get your kids down to Newmarket Recreation @ 1 Terrace Drive, on the Saturday before Easter!

Newmarket Community Notes

The Newmarket Community Church Wish List



Hibernation Is Ending In The Animal Kingdom



Save the Date: TURTLEFEST 2026 is Coming!



Follett's Brook Pocket Park

