



TOWN OF NEWMARKET NEW HAMPSHIRE

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.

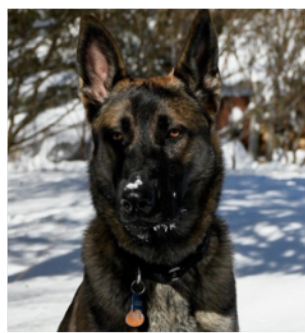
The Grand Prize

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 2025 Winner, Jack

Wentworth Cheswill Statue Project

Did you know that a true American pioneer lived right here in Newmarket?

Wentworth Cheswill, the grandson of an enslaved man, is widely recognized as the first person of African descent elected to public office in the U.S. From Town Clerk to Revolutionary War patriot, his legacy is a cornerstone of our town's history.

The Newmarket Main Street Corporation is partnering with the New Market Historical Society to honor him with a permanent statue in time for our town's 300th Birthday!

Help us bring this monument to life:

<https://newmarketnhmainstreet.org/wentworth-cheswill-monument/>



newmarketnhmainstreet.org/wentworth-cheswill-monument/

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

Where: Newmarket, NH



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

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

Fuel the Mule: Breakfast at June's Cafe!

Start your Saturday morning with a delicious meal and a great cause! We are excited to invite the community to the **"Fuel the Mule"** fundraiser to support our graduating seniors.

June's Cafe is generously hosting this event, with a portion of all proceeds directly benefiting **Newmarket Project Graduation 2026**. These funds help provide a safe, supervised, and substance-free celebration for our students on their graduation night.

Event Details

- **When:** Saturday, January 17, 2026
- **Time:** 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- **Where:** June's Cafe, Newmarket

Whether you're looking for a hearty breakfast or a quick coffee catch-up with neighbors, come on down and help us "Fuel the Mule!" It's a great way to eat local and give back to the Class of 2026.



Calling Community Leaders!

Are you looking to make a direct impact on the future of our town? The 2026 Candidate Filing Period is officially approaching. This is your opportunity to step up, share your vision, and serve your neighbors in local government.

Whether you are passionate about fiscal responsibility, community planning, or long-term infrastructure, there is a seat at the table for you.

Important Filing Dates

The filing period runs from Wednesday, January 21, 2026, through Friday, January 30, 2026.

To file for office, please visit the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours. Please note that on the final day, Friday, January 30, the office will be open specifically from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM to accept last-minute filings.

We have several important positions available, including:

- **Town Council:** 3 three-year terms, 1 two-year term
- **Budget Committee:** 3 three-year terms, 2 two-year terms, 1 one-year term
- **Planning Board:** 2 three-year terms, 1 two-year term

READY TO LEAD?



2026 TOWN ELECTIONS
CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD

JANUARY 21 - JANUARY 30

Positions Open:

- TOWN COUNCIL
- BUDGET COMMITTEE
- PLANNING BOARD
- TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS



www.NewmarketNH.gov

Call for Builders: Shrek the Musical Parent Volunteer Day!

Is your child ready to head to the swamp this spring? We are hard at work preparing for our upcoming production of **Shrek the Musical**, and we need your help to bring Duloc and the Fairy Tale Forest to life!

We are hosting a **Parent Volunteer Set-Building Day** this weekend.

Whether you are a master carpenter, a handy DIYer, or just someone who is great at holding a paintbrush, we would love to have you join us.

Event Details

- **When:** This Saturday, January 17, 2026
- **Time:** 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM (Come for an hour or stay for the day—every bit helps!)
- **Where:** Newmarket School District (Follow the signs to the set construction area)

How You Can Help

Our "To-Do" list includes everything from framing large set pieces to detail painting and assembly. No professional experience is necessary—we will provide the instructions and the camaraderie! It's a fantastic way to meet other parents and get a "behind-the-scenes" look at the magic your children are creating.

Sign Up to Help

If you are interested in joining us this Saturday, please reach out so we can get an accurate headcount for tasks.

Contact: Annette Blake **Email:** blakea@newmarket.k12.nh.us

We can't wait to see you there and build something "ogre-sized" together!

PARENT VOLUNTEER DAY!

OPEN HOUSE
SATURDAY, JAN 17TH
ANY TIME BETWEEN
8AM – 2PM



Drama Club parents!

This Saturday, January 17th is a special workshop just for parent volunteers from 8 am to 2 pm!!

Come any time during those hours to help us build and organize the set, help paint scenery, sort out costumes and more!!

Email Annette Blake if you think you can make it.

[JOIN NOW](#)

Newmarket Public Library Events

Where History Meets Art: The Elm Street Mural

Tuesday, January 20 at 4pm



Join us for an in-depth look at the Elm Street Mural, its creation and inspiration, the history behind the images, and what the future holds for this iconic piece of Newmarket's culture. Pam Myers-Morgan, member of Newmarket's Arts, Culture, & Tourism Commission and Historical Society Board Member, will take you on a virtual walk down Elm Street, placing each panel of the mural in a wider artistic and historical context. See images of the mural as it once was and help us imagine what it could be.

Register to attend at newmarketlibrary.org

NEW DATE AND TIME! Mad Hatter Tea Party

Tuesday, January 20 at 2pm



Bring your favorite doll or stuffed animal to the Newmarket Public Library's Mad Hatter Tea Party! All are Welcome!

PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB

Join us for a discussion of "The Excitements" by CJ Wray

Discussion Date: Tuesday, January 27 at 2pm

Copies are available at the front desk. All are welcome!



1 Elm Street, Newmarket, NH



Recharge & Refocus for Winter Wellness

with Amy Ma of Wise Fox Wellness
Tuesday, February 3 at 3:30pm



1 Elm Street, Newmarket, NH

Join us for an interactive talk, geared towards folks 60+, on:

- Ways to think about eating and moving your body that will provide lasting energy throughout the day
- Strategies to shake brain fog and lower your stress
- Putting it all together to boost your immunity through the winter (and all year long)

Participants will receive a free digital 20-Minute Recharge Guide!
Register to attend at newmarketlibrary.org

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, Strawberry 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



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!

SOURDOUGH WORKSHOP

February - Valentine's Day Theme

Join health and fitness coach Talia Walley for a beginner Sourdough Workshop that not only shows you how to make sourdough bread but also educates you on gut health, and how sourdough and fermented foods fit in. Through Talia you will gain education, support, access to tips, recipes and more!

- When: Monday, February 2nd
- Where: The Eco Center - 1 Terrace Drive, Newmarket NH 03857
- Time: 4:30-8:30 pm (approx. 2 hours)
- Cost: \$40
- What to bring: A LARGE mixing bowl, 4 1/2 cups of BREAD flour, a spatula and liquid measuring cup. The rest of the materials will be provided.

MEET THE INSTRUCTOR: TALIA WALLEY

Talia has been studying health & wellness for the past 20+ years & believes that a healthy lifestyle is comprised of several pillars, generally working in balance together. Her areas of expertise is nutrition and fitness. She is a graduate of the Dr. Sears Wellness Institute and is a Family Health and Nutrition Coach. (www.addlennutrition.com) And her most recent addition is conducting basic sourdough workshops to help others learn the value of better sources of foods & how to create good gut health utilizing these to help transform one's health. Sourdough is not just bread!

603-659-8581
recreation@newmarketnh.gov
www.newmarketrec.org





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!



From "old school" to "new school" and everything in between, Ms. Erin's School of Hip Hop will be a whole lot of fun! Bring your funky self and a lot of energy to learn some cool moves, simple dance routines, and show us your own style with free expression time! Please wear comfortable clothes (no shoes necessary) and bring a full water bottle to class.

WINTER/SPRING SESSION 2026

Mondays
JAN 26 - MAY 18
No class 2/9, 2/23, 4/27
4:15-5:15pm
For Kids ages 8-11
\$116

Registration is OPEN NOW!

603-659-8581 www.newmarketrec.org




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

WE HAVE A NEW AMAZON WISH LIST FOR THE FOOD PANTRY !

To support our Newmarket and Newfields families, please consider a donation from our new **Amazon Wish List!**

The list contains high-priority staple food items that we can not purchase at the NH Food Bank and other personal items like soap, deodorant and shampoo.

SHOP THE NEW LIST FROM THIS LINK OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

<https://a.co/iUDs2xM>

your donations make a huge difference!

NEWMARKETCHURCH.ORG | 137 MAIN ST. NEWMARKET, NH

Embracing Different Minds: Understanding Neurodiversity

“Community Matters”
By Lamprey Health Care
A speaker series bringing relevant topics to the forefront

Understanding Neurodiversity
Presented by: Megg Thompson, Certified Behavioral Consultant

Neurodiversity recognizes that all brains work differently — including ADHD, autism, anxiety, and more — and that these differences are a natural part of being human.

A fun, informative seminar & workshop exploring how neurodivergent brains operate — and practical ways to support all kinds of brains at home, school, work, and in the community.

Tuesday, January 27th 2026 Newmarket Office (207 S. Main Street)

Tuesday, February 3rd 2026 Raymond Office (128 Route 27)

Refreshments: 4:30pm

Presentation & Workshop: 5:00pm - 6:00pm

RSVP: mmorales@LampreyHealth.org - two dates/locations to choose from.

Small groups discussion & Workshop Highlights

- What neurodiversity really means
- ADHD, Autism, Anxiety — how they show up in real life
- Being supportive: What does that actually look like?
- Creating safe places to land in school, work, home & community
- Solving the Double Empathy Problem

Help Fill the Need: Give Blood This January

Give blood.
Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.
American Red Cross



**Newmarket Recreation Center
Blood Drive**

1 Terrace Dr
Newmarket NH 03857
Friday, January 16
10:00AM to 2:30PM
For an appointment visit: redcross.org
Search: NewmarketNH

 American Red Cross

1-800-RED-CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcross.org | Download the Blood Donor App


HELP FILL THE NEED
Donate blood! 

**Newmarket Polish American Club
Blood Drive**

Function Hall
18 Central Street
Newmarket NH 03857
Monday, January 19th
12:00PM to 4:30PM
For an appointment visit: redcross.org
Search: NewmarketPAC or Scan the Code

 American Red Cross

1-800-RED-CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcross.org | Download the Blood Donor App

Holiday Wrap-Up: Donate Your Leftover Supplies!

As you pack away the decorations and clear out your holiday storage, the **Newmarket Elementary School (NES) PTA** would love to take those leftover supplies off your hands!



Seeking Donations:

If you are cleaning out holiday wrapping paper/gift bags/tissue paper/ribbons/tags and would like to donate any to the NES PTA for our annual staff gift wrapping event please reach out to:

newmarketNHPTA@gmail.com