



TOWN OF NEWMARKET NEW HAMPSHIRE

Looking Ahead: Important Dates for 2026

As we welcome 2026 in Newmarket, we extend our warmest wishes for a prosperous year ahead. To keep you informed and engaged, we've compiled a list of significant town and school milestones that you should be aware of.

Public Sessions and Elections:

- The Budget Committee will hold a Public Hearing for the FY2027 Town and School Budgets on **January 5 at 6:30 pm**. This will be followed by the Deliberative Session on **January 31 at 9:00 am**.
- Don't miss the Town Election on **March 10**, the State Primary on **September 8**, and the General Election on **November 3**. **Your participation is crucial in shaping our community's future.**

Student Activities and Graduation:

- Our schools are brimming with exciting activities in the upcoming spring. Highlights include the NES Big Jump Rope Show on **February 1**, the Spring Band and Chorus Concert on **May 14**, and the NJSHS Improv Show on **May 29**.
 - We eagerly anticipate honoring the Class of 2026 with the Senior Athlete Awards on **June 1** and the Graduation ceremony on **June 5**. **These events mark the culmination of their hard work and dedication.**
- Remember, if you miss these events, most of them will be available by visiting Newmarket Channel 8 or our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/>

Newmarket Community Power – New Rates Effective February 1, 2026

Newmarket is one of sixty seven (67) Cities and Towns that have joined to create The Community Power Coalition Of New Hampshire (CPCNH). The coalition is the entity that actually buys the electricity for the member communities, does all the billing thru Eversource and advocates for cities and towns in the state legislature and with The Public Utilities Commission.

CPCNH has announced their basic residential rate for the period February 1st, 2026 thru July 2026 will be 14.6 cents per KWH representing an increase of 1.2 cents per KWH over the current Community Power rate. Eversource's rate will be 11.3 cents per KWH during this period.

What Does This Mean For My Electric Bill?

The average Newmarket Residents utilizes 515 KWH per month (this is based on actual Newmarket Utilization over a 12 month period). The current Newmarket Community Power Basic Rate is 13.4 cents per KWH. The new rate will be 1.2 cents per KWH higher for an average increase of \$6.18 per month. When 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.

Why Is Newmarket Community Powers Rate Higher Than Eversource?

Rates are based upon CPCNH cost of service, including a community reserve adder. A community reserve adder is basically adding money to our reserves to allow us to retire financing obligations in calendar year 2026, to continue to position us to advance competitiveness for years to come and develop clean energy alternatives for our community members.

Why should I stay with Newmarket Community Power?

Community Power offers a number of benefits for communities:

- We offer additional products of 33%, 50% and 100% clean energy not offered by others.
- We advocate for communities, in 2025 Eversource undercharged its large customers (Walmart, Lowes etc) to the tune of \$3 million dollars. Eversource wanted to recover these monies from all customers (me, you). CPCNH fought this and in 2025 the States Public utilities Commission agreed with CPCNH and prevented this recovery.
- CPCNH is controlled by its members and makes our state more energy independent. Through our public power agency, members are seeing the benefits of developing local projects like the [5-megawatt Poverty Plains community solar array in Warner](#) (equivalent to ~1,200 households) scheduled to come online in 2026. Development of locally controlled energy assets enables long-term stability, cost savings, and greater energy security.

What if I want to switch to a different service provider

Newmarket Community Power wants to be very up front about our rates and your ability to select service providers that meets your needs. Customers are free to choose between Community Power, third-party options, or their utility.

To opt in, out, or to select cleaner power, customers can use the following :

- Website: [Newmarket | CPCNH – Community Power NH](#)
- Call 1-866-603-7697 (POWR) or email Info@CommunityPowerNH.gov

What's my rate if I'm a Commercial Customer or am currently enrolled in a higher clean energy product?

Visit CPCNH's [Residential Rates](#) and [Commercial Rates](#) webpages to view rate options.

Town of Newmarket Finalizes Acquisition of 11 Creighton Street for Schanda Park Expansion

The Town of Newmarket is thrilled to announce the successful acquisition of **11 Creighton Street**, a milestone purchase that officially expands the **Richard Schanda Conservation Park**. Closed on December 3, 2025, this project strengthens the community's connection to the Lamprey River and advances the Town's Master Plan for a vibrant, accessible waterfront.

Key Project Highlights

- **Location:** The newly acquired land sits between Schanda Park and the Water Treatment Plant, creating a seamless waterfront corridor.
- **Fiscal Responsibility:** The **\$685,000 purchase** was funded entirely through the **Recreation Enterprise Fund**—meaning this expansion comes at **no additional cost to taxpayers**.
- **Future Vision:** Plans include enhanced river access, new walking trails, expanded boating activities, and community gathering spaces.

"By investing in recreational assets with the Recreation Enterprise Fund, we avoid burdening taxpayers," said Town Manager Steve Fournier. "We look forward to seeing how Schanda Park evolves for generations to come."

Community-Driven Growth

Recreation Director Aimee Gigandet credits the community's active participation in local programming for making this possible, as their engagement powers the Enterprise Fund. To ensure the park's evolution reflects local values, the Town will form a **resident-led committee** to assess land use and environmental stewardship.

A Collaborative Effort

The Town extends its gratitude to the Town Council, Town staff, and partners **Legacy Properties, Inc.** and **The Cheney Companies**. Their shared vision for the riverfront has secured a landmark space for recreation and connection.

Stay Involved! The Town is committed to a transparent planning process. Residents are encouraged to stay engaged as we begin developing recommendations for this expanded parkland.

Questions? Contact the Newmarket Recreation Department at **603-659-8581** or visit **www.newmarketnh.gov**.

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.



Registration Extended: Spring Lacrosse!

Registration is officially OPEN for the 2026 Spring Lacrosse season! Whether your child is a seasoned player or picking up a stick for the first time, we want them on the field with us.

Who: Community members ages 4–14

Experience: None required! Join at any age or skill level.

Deadline: Registration has been EXTENDED until January 6th.

Don't miss out on the fastest game on two feet.

Sign up now: oryarec.org/lacrosse



SPRING LACROSSE REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

JAN 6TH

- Community program for ages 4-14
- Join at any age
- No prior lacrosse experience required

REGISTER HERE: <https://oryarec.org/lacrosse/>
EXTENDED until January 6th

OYSTER RIVER LACROSSE

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>

Dangers of Snow and Ice Don't Stop in Your Driveway

Snow and ice pose dangers beyond your driveway. Stormwater runoff from Newmarket streets, driveways, and sidewalks affects the watershed, rivers, and streams leading to the Great Bay. Your snow removal techniques also impact these waterways.

Products called "spreading salt" melt ice and snow, but they rarely contain pure salt. Read labels to determine your need for safety or ice removal. Consider ways to help keep waterways healthier. Minimizing sodium chloride use is crucial, as it's highly corrosive to pavement and environmentally damaging.

Environmental damage from snow-melting products appears in spring. Brown patches on lawns indicate runoff burning grass. Sodium seeping into the ground damages roots, stunting plant growth and causing discoloration. Unpleasantly, sodium can cause "witches broom" clusters of multiple twigs coming from the tips of damaged, burned twigs.

Scientific analysis of chloride reveals its dangers to healthy waters and aquatic life. Effective mitigation processes to remove or break down these products are lacking. Regardless of their primary ingredients, snow-melting products containing sodium (Na+) alter and destroy soil chemistry. Adding fertilizers or soil amendments to enhance lawn appearance. Cost-effectiveness is negated by the negative effects of sodium releasing other components that contaminate groundwater and surface water. Consider supplementing product application with readily available materials like sand, wood ashes, sawdust, or wood chips.

Read product labels carefully. Safety is crucial, and "pet safe" products may not be as pet-friendly as expected. Products listing Magnesium chloride or Calcium Magnesium Acetate (CMA) are recommended for households with pets walking on snow-melt products. For icy surfaces, seek professional advice from your vet and the NH Department of Environmental Services. Check your driveway or sidewalk at different times to see if pruning shrubs or tree branches can improve sunlight exposure, which may help melt snow and ice, making shoveling easier.

Winter shouldn't be a time to be nervous. With appropriate gear, explore your backyard without foliage hiding bird nests, squirrel nests, or tracks. Newmarket's trails offer great views of the bay, rivers, streams, and boulders. Winter is bug-free, and there are many benefits to a winter walk or hike.



Nature walks are proven to have many benefits to our health. Besides fresh air, there's a calming effect and relaxing vibes give a new focus and outlook. Periodic breaks, to appreciate the views, might offer you a chance to see an eagle, cormorant or vulture. Depending on the day, direct sunlight gives you Vitamin D, and a twilight walk might give you a pretty moonrise or chance to see a "falling star!" Newmarket trails are waiting for you!

Newmarket Public Library Events

ALL AGES WINTER READING CHALLENGE

January 1 - February 28



Pick up a Bingo sheet at the front desk starting on January 1st! Complete a line of book bingo and turn your sheet in by February 28 to be entered to win a prize!

Herbs for Immunity

Tuesday, January 6 at 5:30pm



Join local herbalist Brenna Lilly and explore how natural remedies can support your immunity through the winter and beyond! Attendees will learn about a number of helpful, accessible herbs that can boost your immune system and sample a variety of supportive (and tasty!) remedies. No herbalism experience necessary.



1 Elm Street,
Newmarket, NH

Register at
newmarketlibrary.org

Mad Hatter Tea Party

Tuesday, January 13 at 3pm



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

January is National Radon Awareness Month!

Radon in New Hampshire

Wednesday, January 14 at 3pm



Register at
newmarketlibrary.org



1 Elm Street,
Newmarket, NH

Join Mary Butow, Radon Program Manager at the State of NH Department of Health and Human Services, and Stratham resident Tom Jarvela for an overview of radon in NH. Hear residential and professional perspectives on managing this issue. Discover available resources and learn about a real-life process of discovery and solution. Don't forget to borrow one of two Radon detectors available in our Library of Things!

Snow Date: Wednesday, January 28 at 3pm

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



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 2/3, 2/23, 4/27
4:15 - 5:15pm
For Kids ages 8-11
\$116
Registration is OPEN NOW!

NEWMARKET RECREATION
WE'RE HERE TO PLAY!
603-659-8581 www.newmarketrec.org



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. Sara Matlock Institute and is a Family Health and Business Coach. (www.xdliawalks.com) And her most recent addition is conducting basic sourdough workshops to help others learn the value of better versions of foods & how to create good gut health while these to help transform and health. Sourdough is not just bread!

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CREATIVE MOVEMENT
WITH MISS ERIN
WINTER/SPRING SESSION

DANCE DANCE DANCE

THURSDAYS
JAN 29 - May 28
No class 2/12, 2/26, or 4/30
4:15-5:15pm
AGES 5-7
\$120
RECITAL DATE: TBD

Different styles of dance will be introduced in this class, but lots of imagination will also be encouraged, as we will move our bodies in so many creative ways. We will turn ourselves into anything from animals to robots to fairies to zombies and so much more! Kids will get to play dance games, as well and also have free expression time across the floor to various types of music. We will usually end class with yoga stretches and relaxation. The purpose of this class is to expose kids to the world of dance in a playful, creative, and fun way!

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Ballet & Jazz with Miss Maddy

Time to dance! Miss Maddy's Winter/Spring Ballet & Jazz classes are now open for registration! From **Twinkle Toes** (ages 3-5) to **Blooming Ballerinas** (ages 5-8), we have the perfect classes for your child to learn technique, rhythm, and creativity.



BALLET & JAZZ

WITH MISS MADDY

WINTER/SPRING 2026

TWINKLE TOES

For ages 3-5
Wednesdays 1/21 - 5/27
No class 2/25, 4/1, 4/29, 5/13
4:15-5:00PM
\$125

Twinkle toes for preschoolers introduces ballet and jazz basics, creative movement, and a whole lot of social fun! Students will become familiar with ballet and jazz terminology and skills. Kids will focus on fun movement and creative dance.

BLOOMING BALLERINAS

For ages 5-8
Wednesdays 1/21 - 5/27
No class 2/25, 4/1, 4/29, 5/13
3:15-4:00PM
\$135
+ \$10 transportation van fee

Blooming Ballerina class is specifically designed to showcase the very basics of ballet, jazz, and musical rhythm. Students will learn basic and intermediate ballet and jazz skills and terms. Kids will focus on basic technique as well as creative movement.

**THIS SESSION ENDS
WITH A RECITAL IN JUNE**

www.newmarketrec.org 603-659-8581

NEWMARKET RECREATION
WE'RE HERE TO PLAY!

Whether your little one is just beginning to explore their movements or is eager to master new techniques, Miss Maddy creates a fun and supportive environment where they can discover the joy of movement. Each session culminates in an exciting **Recital in June!**

Newmarket Community Notes

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

Help Stock the Pantry! Hope 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

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.



You Are Not Alone This Holiday Season.
Help and Hope are Just a Call Away

988
Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

Any crisis: Whether you are feeling overwhelmed, isolated, or are dealing with a mental health or substance use crisis, you do not need to be in a suicide crisis to call.

Simple Access: Just three numbers, like 911, making it easy to remember when you need help the most.

Confidential Support: Calling, texting, or chatting 988 connects you with a trained, compassionate counselor who understands and listens without judgment.

NH Rapid Response Access Point
1-833-710-6477

Additional NH Resources (24/7)

 Substance Use & Recovery • The Doorway: Call 211 • SAMSSA National Helpline: 1-800-662-HELP (4357)	 Domestic & Sexual Violence • NH Statewide Hotline: 1-866-644-3574	 General Assistance & Community Needs • 211 New Hampshire: Call 211 • Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741741 • Veterans Crisis Line: Call 988, Press 1
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