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The USA celebrates Thanksgiving the 4th Thursday in November. The first Thanksgivings in America were celebrated in 1621 and 1623 by the Pilgrims in Plymouth and in 1631 by the Puritans in Boston. Thanksgiving did not become a regular celebration until the late 1860s. The date for celebrating Thanksgiving was set by federal legislation in the United States in 1941.



November 11, 2015

"It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press. It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech. It is the soldier, not the organizer, who gave us the freedom to demonstrate. It is the soldier who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag." – *Father Dennis Edward O'Brien, USMC*



Hope everyone remembered to turn their clocks back on November 1.



2015 Board of Directors – Tom T. (President), Lucille R. (Treasurer), John B. (Secretary), Cheryl M. and Cliff M.





President's Message

Effective November 1, 2015 NextGen Property Management of New England has taken over the day to day management of our association. If you need to report a problem, report an issue, or have a question please contact NextGen. Their contact information is as follows:

Telephone No: 888-356-3984 (888 35NextG)

- Your menu choices are:
- Press "1" for Accounting
 - Press "2" for Maintenance
 - Press "3" for Emergency
 - Press "4" for Snow Plow Services
 - Press "0" for New Business
 - Press "8" for Name Directory

Web Page: www.NextGenPropertyManagement.com

Email Address: Ken@NextGenPropertyManagement.com

Mail Address: NextGen Property Management
PO Box 115
Merrimac, MA 01860

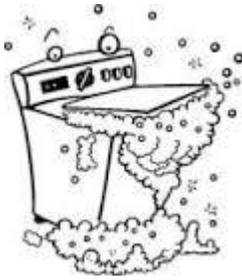
The finances will still be maintained by the association, so please continue to send your payment to the same location as always.

Tom



Recently you may have seen Eastern Propane doing work on our propane tanks. They have been installing remote monitors. These monitors will send back data, via satellites, on the amount of propane in each tank. This will help Eastern in scheduling deliveries and to insure we don't run out of propane. This is a new program by Eastern and we thank Cheryl M. for working with Eastern on this. In the beginning of the program, Eastern will still have their meter readers check the propane levels to insure the new monitors are reporting accurately.





Money Saver: Clothes Dryers

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Clothes dryers consume more than \$100 worth of energy per year in a typical home. The following tips will help keep dryer energy use from spinning out of control:

- Dry full loads; it saves energy and saves you time.
- Dry towels and heavy cottons separately from lighter-weight clothes.
- Don't over dry clothes. If your dryer has a moisture sensor, use it.
- Clean the lint filter in the dryer after every load to improve air circulation.
- Check the dryer vent regularly and keep it clean.
- Air dry clothes whenever possible; it's free and can extend the life of some fabrics.

Looking for more ways to save? See "[Start Saving Energy Right Now](#)" for low-cost energy-saving strategies for home appliances, lighting, and more.



Start Saving Energy Now

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The old saying *never put off until tomorrow what you can do today* is as true for energy conservation as it is for anything else. While energy-efficiency projects, such as weatherization and furnace upgrades, may seem time-consuming and expensive, there is no

need to worry. These low-cost, energy-saving measures will not take a lot of time, and they will help you reduce energy costs starting today.

1. **Adjust your thermostat.** Adjusting temperatures at night or when you are not at home is one of the most effective ways to lower your energy bill. For every degree of temperature change over an eight-hour period, you can save an average of 1 percent on your heating or cooling costs.
2. **Go unplugged.** The average American household uses 25 consumer electronic devices. Many of these devices continue to use energy when they are turned off. While some devices must remain plugged in, unplug televisions, stereos, or computers that you do not use very often. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, unplugging those unused electronics can save up to 10 percent on your electric bill.
3. **Change your furnace filter.** A dirty furnace filter reduces heating and cooling system efficiency, wasting energy and costing you money. If you have not changed your filter for a while, check it. Filters for most systems can be found at your local hardware or DIY store. Change the filter once per month during the heating and cooling seasons.
4. **Lower the temperature of your hot water heater.** Tank water heaters are typically installed at a temperature setting of 140°F. You can save on water heating costs by lowering the thermostat. For most households, a temperature setting of 120°F will optimize savings while providing you with a hot shower.
5. **Air dry your laundry.** When doing laundry, why not air dry your clothes? It will save you the cost of running the dryer and air drying may help to keep clothes looking new.
6. **Close the curtain on heat loss.** Windows cause a substantial amount of heat loss, but decorative window treatments, such as draperies, shades, and shutters, will help to keep the heat where you want it—inside your house. Hang decorative treatments as close to the window as possible to create a sealed air space. Closing window treatments at night will help to retain heat.
7. **Cook up energy savings.** Home cooking is a great way to make healthy meals for your family, but some cooking habits waste energy. Cover pots and pans; food will cook more efficiently and the kitchen will stay cooler in the summer. Match pots and pans to the size of the burner and keep burners clean. Save energy by using a microwave oven to heat food whenever possible.
8. **Turn on ceiling fans.** In the summer, ceiling fans increase air circulation, making you feel more comfortable and reducing the need for air conditioning. In the winter,

reverse fan direction to bring the warm air that's near the ceiling down into the living space. To save energy, turn off ceiling fans when you leave the room.

Take a look around, you can probably think of additional ways to save. Are lights left on in unoccupied rooms? Do you wash dishes and laundry with less than a full load? Can you take shorter showers? A few simple lifestyle changes can reduce energy costs and your impact on the environment.



Quiz Questions

Pluto (the dog from Disney) was originally called what?

What is the only mobile U.S. national monument?

Which work of Mark Twain is often referred to as The Great American Novel?

What President was ticketed for speeding in Washington, D.C., while he was in office?

How many American presidents did not attend college?

Answers can be found letter in the Gazette



Volunteers Needed

After many years of service to our community, Hartley P. and Dom S. are retiring from our Pump House Crew. We would like to thank them for their service.

Frank W. is still a member of the crew, but he will need help.

We are also looking for volunteers for the Pump House Crew. The Pump House Crew checks to insure our water supply system is working. They also add sodium chloride to our water softener. Must be able to lift bags of sodium chloride.

If we don't find volunteers, we will have to contract with someone to provide this service.

Please contact Tom T. if you would like to volunteer for this crew.





Why do turkeys have dark and white meat?

In a turkey the active muscles (such as the legs) store a lot of oxygen and become dark, while less active muscles (like the breast) remain white.

Windham Town Offices Closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2015

All Town Offices will be **closed** on November 11, 2015 in observance of Veterans' Day. The Transfer Station, however, **will be open** their regular hours of 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM.

Windham Special Thanksgiving Holiday Hours

All Town Offices will be **closed** on November 26th & 27th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Transfer Station will also be closed on the 26th, but **will be open** on the 27th for their regular hours of 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM.

Upcoming Windham Events – 2015

Saturday, November 7, 2015 Windham Shred Day

A free document shredding event for Windham Residents. Residents may bring their items to the Windham police station between the hours of 10 AM and 2 PM for disposal at no charge. Telephone: 603-434-5577

Saturday, December 5, 2015 Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the Town Hall/Town Commons at 3:00 pm.

Wednesday, December 9, 2015 Senior Christmas Party

Annual Senior Citizen Christmas Party for Windham Seniors - at Castleton on 12/9/15 at 11:30 am. Tickets are required and will be available from the Recreation Office starting November 12th from 9-3 pm until sold out.

Upcoming Events - 2015

November 13 – 15, 2015 New England Craft & Specialty Food Fair

Handcrafted items and unique gifts for sale. Enjoy breakfast, lunch, and delicious desserts at the cafe. Stock up on homemade goodies at the bakery. Rockingham Park Racetrack in Salem, NH.

November 21 – December 5, 2015 Festival of Trees in Methuen, MA.

Share the magic of the Christmas season at the 22nd Festival of Trees at 13 Branch Street in Methuen, MA. Telephone (978) 685-8878

Weekends in December 2015 Candlelight Stroll in Portsmouth, NH

Walk back in time 350 years and stroll through the candlelight paths at the historic Strawberry Banke Museum in Portsmouth, NH. Historic houses are decorated in period ornaments. Live music, horse-drawn carriage rides and holiday hearth cooking demonstrations. Tel: 603-433-1100.



Pumpkin Trivia

- Pumpkins originated in Central America.
- Pumpkins are members of the squash family.
- Pumpkins are a fruit. Most people think they are a vegetable.
- Pumpkins are made up of 90% water.
- A pumpkin is not a Jack O'Lantern until it has been carved.
- At the first Thanksgiving feast the pilgrims served stewed pumpkin, and not pumpkin pie.
- Pumpkins are grown on six of the seven continents, Antarctica is the one exception.



Veterans. As a veteran, are you aware that you may be eligible for a real estate tax credit? There are informational brochures at the Windham Town Hall office lobby. Or call the Assessor at 603-434-7530.



New Hampshire State Symbols

State Bird: The purple finch. Adopted in 1957.

State Tree: The white birch. Adopted in 1947.

State Flower: The purple lilac. Adopted in 1919.

State Animal: The white tailed deer. Adopted in 1983.

State Wildflower: Pink Ladyslipper. Adopted in 1990.



Answers to Quiz Questions

Pluto was originally called “Rover”.

The only mobile U.S. national monument is the cable cars in San Francisco.

The work of Mark Twain referred to as The Great American Novel was The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.

President Ulysses S. Grant, in his horse and buggy. He was fined \$5.00.

Nine – Washington, Jackson, Van Buren, Taylor, Fillmore, Lincoln, Andrew Johnson, Cleveland and Truman.



Ongoing

Breakfast on Friday at 8:30 AM. An informal breakfast, open to all residents and guests of Hadleigh Woods, is held every Friday at 8:30 AM. The location is Sammy J’s Breakfast Café (144 Main St. Salem, NH).

Bowling on Wednesday at 3:00 PM. The H-W “Open-To-All” bowling party is held every Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 PM at Park Place Lanes (16 Rockingham Rd. Windham, NH). We bowl for fun & exercise never following the rules of the game. After our fun bowling, some of us go out for a meal.

Rail Trail on Sunday. The Windham Rail Trail is a former railroad right-of-way that has been converted to a beautiful scenic walkway for running, walking, biking and horseback riding. Also in winter time, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. It leads thru a forest of trees with ponds and granite walled areas along the path. A number of people have been going to breakfast at the South Side Diner (127 Rockingham Rd. Derry, NH) at 8:30 AM.

