



OGUNQUIT THIS WEEK



This newsletter provides convenient summaries of public Town information. Agendas, minutes, recordings, and official notices remain the authoritative record.

↑ UPCOMING MEETINGS

TUE AUG 18	Select Board Meeting 9:00 AM · See agenda
TUE AUG 18	Budget Review Committee 4:00 PM · See agenda
WED AUG 19	Conservation Commission – 2nd Meeting CANCELLED 10:30 AM · Cancelled
THU AUG 20	Ogunquit River Watershed Committee 2:00 PM · See agenda
FRI AUG 21	Ogunquit Performing Arts Committee 10:30 AM · See agenda

↑ BY THE SEA THIS WEEK

Sunrise & sunset, high/low tides, and a near-term outlook · Cape Neddick · Weather outlook as of Mon 12:17 PM

DAY	WEATHER	SUNRISE-SUNSET	TIDES (HIGH / LOW)
FRI, AUG 14		5:46a–7:47p	High 12:29a, 1:03p Low 6:55a, 7:10p
SAT, AUG 15		5:47a–7:46p	High 1:19a, 1:50p Low 7:41a, 8p
SUN, AUG 16		5:48a–7:44p	High 2:08a, 2:35p Low 8:26a, 8:50p
MON, AUG 17	Chance Rain Showers 74°/65°	5:49a–7:43p	High 2:57a, 3:21p Low 9:11a, 9:42p
TUE, AUG 18	Patchy Fog then Partly Sunny 79°/63°	5:51a–7:41p	High 3:49a, 4:09p Low 9:57a, 10:35p
WED, AUG 19	Mostly Sunny 83°/64°	5:52a–7:40p	High 4:42a, 4:59p Low 10:46a, 11:31p
THU, AUG 20	Mostly Sunny then Chance Rain Sh...	5:53a–7:38p	High 5:38a, 5:53p Low 11:38a
FRI, AUG 21		5:54a–7:37p	High 6:37a, 6:50p Low 12:30a, 12:34p

★ AROUND TOWN

FRI

AUG 14

Music in the Cove

6:00 PM · Fri & Wed · Rotary Park in Perkins Cove

SUN

AUG 16

Music in the Park

6:00 PM · Dorothea Jacobs Grant Common, 86 Obeds Ln

○ ONGOING AT AGAMENTICUS PARK

Mon, Wed & Fri ·
8–11 AM**Pickleball open play**

Tue & Thu · 6 PM

Intermediate and advanced tennis groupMon, Wed & Fri ·
8–10 AM**Ogunquit senior tennis league**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Longtime Firefighter Paramedic Jessica Christian retired this month after 23 years of service

Community



Congratulations to Firefighter/Paramedic Jessica Christian on her retirement after 23 years of dedicated service. Jessica retired on August 9th, following more than two decades of commitment to the fire service and the communities she served. We thank her for her professionalism, compassion, and years of service to others.



Parks & Rec's Annual Anything That Floats

Parks & Recreation Committee



On Saturday, August 15, our Parks and Recreation Committee hosted its annual “Anything That Floats” rafting event on the river. Dozens of participants enjoyed beautiful weather and a fun day on the water.

Thank you to everyone who attended, and especially to the dedicated volunteers who made it all possible!



ANYTHING THAT FLOATS



ANYTHING THAT FLOATS PARTICIPANTS AND SPECTATORS



P&R MEMBERS HELPING OUT @ ANYTHING THAT FLOATS



ANYTHING THAT FLOATS RAFTS



LIFEGUARD STANDS WATCH OVER SWIMMERS AT ANYTHING THAT FLOATS

New Parking Meters

Police Department



SUPERVISOR ELLE ZUCKERMAN WITH AN EXMAPLE OF THE NEW PARKING METERS

Our Public Works, Community Services, and Police Departments have been working together to install and configure upgraded parking meters in our lots. These new meters are smaller, easier to use and repair, and simpler to keep operational than the previous models.

Special thanks to Elle Zuckerman, Supervisor of Community Services, for her hard work and persistence throughout the procurement, installation, programming, and staff training for our new meters.

FROM THE BOARDROOM

Raft the River set for Saturday; \$50,000 courts question headed to November ballot

Parks & Recreation Committee

Your Parks and Recreation Committee spent most of its August 12 meeting getting ready for a busy stretch of summer and fall events. Members walked through final plans for Raft the River, happening this Saturday at Town Beach, and heard that the Plein Air art festival on September 12 is fully booked with a waitlist. The Committee also recapped a well-attended Sandcastle contest and a strong summer music season at the park and Perkins Cove.

Members also learned that a \$50,000 question for work on the Agamenticus Park courts is headed to the November ballot. The Committee's Agamenticus Park subcommittee remains on hold until the Select Board approves it, though a new town liaison has been named. The Committee also talked about adding members and agreed to move its next meeting to September 9 at 9 a.m.

[Watch the recording](#)

QUICK FACTS

- Proposal to expand membership and shift meeting time — The Committee agreed to hold its next meeting on September 9 at 9 a.m.; the membership increase would still need bylaw changes and Select Board approval, and no formal vote was recorded.
- Final plans set for Raft the River this Saturday
- Plein Air festival fully booked for September 12
- Strong summer for the free music program

Record summer crowds on the Marginal Way as volunteers keep trash and invasive weeds in check

Marginal Way Committee

Your Marginal Way Committee re-elected its officers and got a full picture of a busy season. In July, the people counter logged 80,491 walkers — more than 2,000 above the previous high set in 2019. Volunteers logged about 394 hours over June and July, and trash collected by path monitors is down 29% from last year. On Pod Day, crews pulled 540 pounds of swallowwort, an invasive plant harmful to monarch butterflies, pushing the 14-year total past five tons.

Members also heard that the Marginal Way Preservation Fund's garden party set an attendance and fundraising record, and that the Fund has offered to pay to remove lead paint and add climate control at the Ogunquit Heritage Museum so historic Josiah Chase letters can

be displayed. Members raised concerns about aging pavement and how to plan for future path repairs and leadership succession.

[Watch the recording](#)

QUICK FACTS

- Committee re-elects its officers — Officer slate and June 8 minutes approved by show of hands.
- Foot traffic and volunteer hours hit new highs
- Swallowwort removal tops five tons over 14 years
- Path monitors report less trash, fewer dogs and graffiti

Two restaurant projects advance as Planning Board eyes new stormwater and housing rules

Planning Board – 1st Meeting

Your Planning Board took up two projects at its August 10 meeting and moved both toward public hearings on August 27. Dunes Hospitality's amended plan for 40 Welcome Way (the former 518 Main Street) drops the Big Daddy's parcel, trims parking, and asks for a two-year approval extension. James Hartwell's application for 309 Shore Road would return a long-vacant space to a restaurant — a Thai place called Sweet Rice — after it was used as an art gallery. The Board found both applications complete.

The Board also learned the town has been officially designated an MS4 community for stormwater, which is expected to bring stricter, more costly permitting rules. Members discussed hiring outside help to rework the ordinances for both stormwater and new state housing requirements, and set a Comprehensive Plan strategies workshop for August 24 at 5 p.m.

[Watch the recording](#)

QUICK FACTS

- Dunes Hospitality amended plan clears completeness review — The Board voted 4-0 to find the submissions checklist complete and 4-0 to table the item to a public hearing on August 27 at 6 p.m. Members decided a site visit was not needed.
- Shore Road space to return to restaurant use as Thai eatery — The Board voted 4-0 to find the application complete and 4-0 to table it to the August 27 public hearing, agreeing to place it first on that agenda. No site visit was requested.
- Comprehensive Plan workshop set for August 24 — The Board scheduled the workshop for August 24 at 5 p.m.
- Reminder: A-frame and freestanding signs no longer allowed

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