



OGUNKUIT THIS WEEK



The week ahead, and what your boards decided

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

↑ UPCOMING MEETINGS

MON
AUG 24 **Planning Board – 2nd Meeting**
6:00 PM · See agenda

MON
AUG 24 **PUBLIC HEARING**
6:00 PM · See agenda

TUE
AUG 25 **Budget Review Committee**
4:00 PM · See agenda

TUE
AUG 25 **Shellfish Conservation Commission**
6:00 PM · See agenda

WED
AUG 26 **Ogunquit Historic Preservation Commission – 2nd Meeting**
10:00 AM · See agenda

↑ BY THE SEA THIS WEEK

Sunrise & sunset, high/low tides, and a near-term outlook · Cape Neddick · Weather outlook as of Sun 1:30 PM

DAY	WEATHER	SUNRISE–SUNSET	TIDES (HIGH / LOW)
FRI, AUG 21		5:54a–7:37p	High 6:37a, 6:50p Low 12:30a, 12:34p
SAT, AUG 22		5:55a–7:35p	High 7:38a, 7:49p Low 1:32a, 1:34p
SUN, AUG 23	Rain Showers 72°/63°	5:56a–7:33p	High 8:37a, 8:45p Low 2:33a, 2:33p
MON, AUG 24	Patchy Fog then Sunny 81°/58°	5:57a–7:32p	High 9:29a, 9:35p Low 3:26a, 3:25p
TUE, AUG 25	Sunny 81°/59°	5:58a–7:30p	High 10:14a, 10:20p Low 4:11a, 4:10p
WED, AUG 26	Sunny 81°/60°	5:59a–7:28p	High 10:55a, 11p Low 4:51a, 4:51p
THU, AUG 27		6:01a–7:27p	High 11:33a, 11:39p Low 5:27a, 5:30p
FRI, AUG 28		6:02a–7:25p	High 12:08p Low 6:01a, 6:09p

★ AROUND TOWN

FRI
AUG 21

Music in the Cove

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

SUN
AUG 23

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 group

Mon, Wed & Fri ·
8–10 AM

Ogunquit senior tennis league

FROM THE BOARDROOM

Ogunquit River cleanup advances: grant-funded stormwater filter set for main beach, second grant in the works

Ogunquit River Watershed Committee

Your Ogunquit River Watershed Committee got a detailed update from Melanie Nash of the Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission on a Community Action Grant that will pay engineers (GEI) to design and build a stormwater filtration system — gabion baskets filled with gravel or shells — at the main beach parking area where a pipe discharges into the river. The project also includes removing invasive plants, adding native plantings, and closing off an unofficial path down to Riverside Beach. Because coastal work can only happen in spring and fall, the committee plans to ask the state for

a no-cost extension through the end of 2027.

The group also discussed applying for a new \$50,000 Coastal Community Grant to design marsh-side projects and study river water quality and shellfish potential, plus outreach work, a septic survey with Wells, and storm drain stenciling. As a working group awaiting Select Board appointment, it took no formal votes.

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QUICK FACTS

- Stormwater filter designed for the main beach outfall
- New \$50,000 grant sought for marsh sites and water quality study
- Committee to build a project webpage and plan storyboards

Ogunquit’s tax rate likely to dip as museum gift frees up money for Agamenticus courts

Select Board Meeting

Your Select Board got encouraging news at its August 18 meeting. Treasurer Mandy Cummings reported the town finished last fiscal year under budget and over on revenue, leaving reserves well above the required minimum and pointing to a possible drop in the property tax rate — from 6.73 to roughly 6.59, though the assessor’s figures and the Board’s overlay decision could still shift that. The Board also accepted a \$150,000 gift from the Marginal Way Preservation Fund to clean up lead paint and improve the Heritage Museum at no cost to taxpayers.

Because that gift covers the museum, the Board redirected the \$50,000 it had planned to spend there, doubling a proposed courts-repair article to \$100,000 for the November ballot. Members also set the Special Town Meeting date, approved a new liquor license, and cleared the consent agenda.

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QUICK FACTS

- \$150,000 gift for Heritage Museum lead-paint cleanup accepted — Approved. The Board voted to accept the donation.
- Courts-repair article doubled to \$100,000 — Approved. The Board directed the change to the budget log for the Budget Review Committee.
- Special Town Meeting set for November 3 — Approved 5-0.
- New liquor license for Chophouse Grille — Approved. The Board voted to grant the beer, wine and spirits license.

Budget Review Committee weighs November ballot spending as town’s tax rate looks set to fall

Budget Review Committee

Your Budget Review Committee spent its August 18 meeting hearing pitches for the spending questions headed to the November ballot. No votes were taken — the committee plans to make its recommendations at follow-up meetings on August 25 and September 1, after the Select Board finalizes the warrant.

Assistant Town Manager and Treasurer Mandy Cummings opened with good financial news: the town under-spent and over-collected last year, grew its unassigned fund balance, and — if property values and the overlay hold — the tax (mill) rate could drop from 6.73 to about 6.59 per thousand. The committee then reviewed department requests

including a \$1.44 million fire apparatus plan and PFAS well testing, a \$100,000 tennis and pickleball court project at Agamenticus Park, an \$80,000 property revaluation, and a \$22,000-plus police fingerprinting station. The committee also approved its July minutes.

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QUICK FACTS

- Town finances grew; mill rate estimated to drop
- Police seek electronic fingerprinting station
- Agamenticus courts project doubled to \$100,000
- Assessor asks for \$80,000 property revaluation

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