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To: Board of Selectmen, employees, volunteers, and Town of Henniker  
From: Diane Kendall, Town Administrator  
Date: March 5, 2024  
Ref: **Town Administrator's Report**

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### **Annual Report, Town Voting and Meeting:**

2023 Annual Reports are ready at the Town Office, please stop in to get your copy. You can also read the report on the Town Website on the Board of Selectmen page tab on the left or follow this link: [2023 town report.pdf \(henniker.org\)](#). Special thank you to Helga Winn and Hank Bernstein for producing a complete, professional, and beautiful report.

### **Reminders:**

- o Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00am to 7:00pm at the Henniker Community School ballot voting for Town Officers, School Officials and Board Members, School Warrant Articles and Town Zoning Amendments. For a sample ballots see the Town Clerk or visit the Town Clerk page of the website: [Town Clerk / Tax Collector | Henniker, NH](#)
- o Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm at the Henniker Community School to vote on the warrant articles for borrowing, operating budget, and other warrant articles. Available in the 2023 Town Report or on the website: [Town Meeting | Henniker, NH](#)

**International City Managers Association Conference Boston April 10-12:** I have been awarded a scholarship for \$800 from the NH Municipal Managers Associations to attend this [conference](#). The central theme of the conference is for participants to gain valuable knowledge, connect with the experts, and explore the possibilities AI holds for their organization and community. The scholarship covers the conference registration and most of the lodging expenses. I am very grateful for the opportunity.

**Fire Pond Status:** RFP issued and proposals are due by March 15<sup>th</sup> at noon for bid opening.

**Contoocook Valley Radio Club Request for Ham Repeater on Communications Tower:** Chiefs Morse, Aucoin, French has no objection to the Ham repeater request. Capital Area compact would like the repeater at least 20 feet below their equipment. Next steps: draft agreement with CVRC for hosting repeater, access, indemnification, and cost share.

**Wastewater CMOM:** Preliminary submittal of the CMOM, included with this agenda.

**Code Enforcement:** Working with the Code Enforcement Officer and legal to resolve complaints about properties citing violations of Chapter 133.26.E Parking within 10 Ft of lot boundary; Chapter 133.2 – Junk Vehicles Not Allowed in RR District; Chapter 133.26.A Operating a Car Repair Facility not allowed in RR District.

**Eversource/TDS are moving poles from Old Quaker St.** New locations are staked out on Walter Pollard bypass.

### **Transfer Station News:**

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Date:** Saturday September 21, 2024, 9:00am to 1:00pm Henniker Highway Department 209 Ramsdell Rd. For more information, please call 603-428-7604.

**Recycling:** Thank you for your continued efforts to recycle the best you can! You do make a difference. Please continue to bring all your cardboard, mixed paper and #1 & #2 plastic bottles and jugs only. Please remember every ounce of recyclable glass that goes into the hopper is transported and disposed of by your tax dollars and ends up forever in a landfill or incinerator. Glass that is recycled save taxpayers' money in reduced hauling and disposal costs. So, next time you finish that bottle of wine, remember that recycling it contributes to a cleaner environment, conserves valuable resources, and saves you money on your tax bill. Other reasons to recycle glass from Microsoft Copilot:

1. Good for the Environment:
    - o A glass bottle discarded in a landfill can take up to a million years to decompose. In contrast, a recycled glass bottle can reappear on store shelves as a new container in as little as 30 days.
    - o Glass recycling is sustainable because glass containers are 100% recyclable. They can be recycled repeatedly without any loss of purity or quality. Recovered glass from recycling serves as the primary ingredient in all new glass containers. Approximately 70% of a typical glass container consists of recycled glass.
  2. Conserves Natural Resources:
    - o Every ton of recycled glass saves more than a ton of raw materials needed for new glass production. This includes 1,300 pounds of sand, 410 pounds of soda ash, and 380 pounds of limestone.
    - o By recycling glass, we reduce the demand for extracting these natural resources.
  3. Energy Savings:
    - o Creating new glass involves heating sand and other substances to a scorching 2,600 degrees Fahrenheit, consuming significant energy and emitting industrial pollution.
    - o Recycled glass, known as cullet, melts at a much lower temperature. Making glass products from cullet requires 40% less energy compared to using raw materials.
  4. Useful and Safe:
    - o Glass containers have minimal chemical interaction with their contents due to their stable materials (sand and limestone). Thus, glass can be safely reused, such as in refillable water bottles.
    - o Recycled glass finds various commercial applications, from decorative tiles to rebuilding eroded beaches.
  5. Simple and Rewarding:
    - o Glass is one of the easiest materials to recycle. Most curbside recycling programs and municipal centers accept glass.
    - o In some areas, you can even receive cash refunds for recycling glass bottles 1,2, 3.
- Sources: 1 treehugger.com 2 wwf.panda.org 3 gpi.org 4 recycleinsight.com

**Henniker Spring Clean Up Day is Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> 8 am-noon in cooperation with New England College.** Largest group wins a cash prize! For more information contact the Chamber of Commerce. 1 603-428-3198.

**Other Information for residents, staff and officials:**

- Do you serve on a town board, committee, or commission? We highly recommend attendance at the 2024 Local Officials Hybrid Workshop. It's free and members can attend virtually. Register today at: [New Hampshire Municipal Association \(weblinkconnect.com\)](https://www.nhconnect.com)
- Solar Eclipse April 8<sup>th</sup> 2024 - [Visit NH : Total Solar Eclipse](#)
- [NHMA NewsLink February 21, 2024](#)
- [NH 2024 Election Information](#)

Warm regards,

*Diane Kendall*

Town Administrator