



Whitefield Town Office Hours

Mon & Tues: 8 am – 4 pm
 Wed: Closed
 Thurs: 7 am – 12 pm & 3 pm – 7 pm
 Fri: 8 am – 2 pm

www.townofwhitefield.com – always open 😊

Whitefield Recycling Center

Open Saturday mornings 8:00 am to noon
 Located at 25 Balltown Lane, behind the Town Office
 and adjacent to the Sand Shed.

Whitefield Bulletin

Due Dates for 2027 Taxes:

Monday November 30, 2026 (first half)

Friday April 30, 2027 (second half)

Holidays 2026 – Town Office Closed

Oct 12th Mon – Indigenous People Day
 Nov 26th & Nov 27th Thurs & Fri – Thanksgiving
 Dec 24th Thurs, Close at 12 pm – Christmas Eve
 Dec 25th Fri – Christmas Day
 Dec 31st Thurs, Close at 12 pm – New Year's Eve
 Jan 1, 2027 Fri – New Year's Day

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 2027 Holiday Schedule will be posted in December  
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Town Emails

Effective September 1, 2026 the town updated its emails for municipal officials. We ask that you update your contact list to reflect these changes.

admin@townofwhitefield.com

Yolanda Violette, Administrative Assistant

taxcollector@townofwhitefield.com

Tina Laskey, Tax Collector

deputyclerk1@townofwhitefield.com

Cameron Maillet, Deputy Clerk

deputyclerk2@townofwhitefield.com

Laurie Mullens, Deputy Clerk

Select Board members and Planning Board Members emails can be found on the website.
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If you have a **change of address** during the year, it is very important to complete a change of mailing address request form and submit it to the Town Office! The form can be found on our website or in the Town Office.  
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Property sold after April 1, 2026, the owner of record as of April 1, 2026 receives the tax bill. If your property was sold after April 1, 2026 please forward the bill to the new owner.
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It is also important to notify the assessors if you have removed any structures from your property, so you will be taxed appropriately.

### **E911 Signs**

Whitefield Fire Auxiliary are selling E911 signs. Order yours today, only \$15! **A Fifteen-Dollar Investment That Could Save Your Home – Or Even Your Life!!!** Example →   
 Forms can be found on our website or in the Town Office. Help decorate the town with blue number signs at every driveway.

### **Animal Control Officer (ACO)**

By law, all towns in Maine must provide and fund the services of an Animal Control Officer to manage problems with domestic animals. Lincoln County provides excellent animal control services to the town. Over the last several years, the number and overall costs of monthly calls for this service has increased out of proportion to the population, either animal or human. This service is billed to the town on the basis of the officer's time per incident and is not a flat fee for the year. We would like to lower the number of calls to essential calls only. A wild animal issue is a call to a game warden. A domestic animal is a call to the Animal Control Officer. In addition, if you've had several visits from the animal control officer about your animals, that's an unreasonable burden on the residents.

### **Elections**

State Election is just around the corner. During this time of the year lots of mailings are sent by different organizations. Keep in mind the **town clerk does not** send voter registration forms or absentee ballot request forms out. The clerks' office receives lots of duplicate applications and/or requests due to these mailings. If you would like an absentee ballot, you may request one over the phone, online or in person at the Town Office. Only one form is necessary, duplicate requests make more paperwork for the office staff to verify and keep track of.



Pine Tree Plate



OR No Tree Plate

We have completed the year in May for the change out of chickadee plates. All should have a new Pine Tree Plate or a No Tree Plate unless you have a specialty plate. If you do not, you may be unregistered. **Check your registration!**

## Tax Information

**Tax Club**, having trouble making the semi-annual tax payment deadlines? Participation in the Tax Club allows you to make 12 monthly payments with no interest penalties. Contact Tina, the tax collector, for more information.

**Homestead Exemption**, if you have owned your home for more than one year and claim Whitefield as your residency, **YOU ARE ENTITLED TO IT**.

Others are Veterans Exemption, Tree Growth, Farmland and Open Space. All applications are due by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**The State of Maine offers two programs for assistance with property taxes:**

- **State Property Tax Deferral Program:** Is a lifeline loan program that can cover the annual property tax bills of Maine people who are ages 65 and older or are permanently disabled and who cannot afford to pay them on their own.
- **Property Tax Fairness Credit:** Eligible Maine taxpayers may receive a portion of the property tax or rent paid during the tax year on the Maine individual income tax return whether they owe Maine income tax or not.

More information on these can be found at <https://www.revenue.maine.gov/>

## Continued Reminders

**Whitefield needs Firefighters & EMTs.** If you have an interest in either of these, you can contact Fire Chief Jesse Barton by email at [firedepartment@townofwhitefield.com](mailto:firedepartment@townofwhitefield.com) and/or our EMS Director Michael Johnson at [ems@townofwhitefield.com](mailto:ems@townofwhitefield.com)

**Volunteers are always needed.** There are a variety of committees to volunteer on. Check in with the Town Office if you have a desire to help within the community. The different committees can be found on our website or in the annual report.

**Compost Bins for Sale.** The Solid Waste and Recycling Committee continue selling three foot and four foot diameter compost bins. Contact David Wright via email [wayupwright@gmail.com](mailto:wayupwright@gmail.com).



- 3' Compost Bin \$45 or 4' Compost Bin \$55

**Re-registering a vehicle.** Effective on January 1, 2026. It's required that you provide the old (previous) registration (will accept a picture of it on your electronic device).

Vehicle Re-Registration **\*\* Must bring the old Registration, Insurance and Mileage\*\***

ATV, Boat & Snowmobile Re-Registrations **\*\* Must Bring in old registration \*\***, which contains registration #, to ensure proper vehicle is being registered.

Thank you to everyone who has been complying with this policy. It makes it easier on you as the customer and the clerk at the counter. 😊

## **Planning to build or add on to your property in Whitefield?**

The Town of Whitefield does have a **Building and Development Ordinance** that requires a **Building Application** and/or a **Development Application** to be submitted and approved before construction of any type begins. It is so important to review the ordinance(s) prior to construction. Other types of applications may also be necessary such as septic designs, internal plumbing, 1190 form, E911 request form, DOT driveway permit, shoreland zone permit, junkyard permit, etc.

### Dates to Remember 2026 / 2027

**Aug 4<sup>th</sup>** – Absentee Ballot Applications available for Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> State Gubernatorial Election  
**Oct 5<sup>th</sup>** – Absentee Ballots available for Nov 3 State Gubernatorial Election, In Person Absentee voting begins  
**Oct 15<sup>th</sup>** – Start Licensing Dogs (6 months & older) for the 2027 year. (Bring current Rabies and Spay/Neuter Cert)  
**Oct 31<sup>st</sup>** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Trunk or Treat 4 pm – 6 pm held at Central Fire Station, 24 Townhouse Road  
**Nov 1<sup>st</sup>** – Snowmobile registrations available for the 2026-2027 Season  
**Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>** – State Gubernatorial Election, Polls Open 8 am – 8 pm, Central Fire Station, 24 Townhouse Road  
**Nov 30<sup>th</sup>** – **2027 Tax Payments due**, first half, without interest. (Will accept postmarked Nov 30<sup>th</sup>)  
**Dec 1<sup>st</sup>** – Hunting/Fishing Licenses for the 2027 year are available  
**Dec 1<sup>st</sup>** – Interest begins on 2027 Taxes, first half  
**Dec 10<sup>th</sup>** – Nomination Papers available for the Municipal Election of Officers in March 2027  
**Dec 21<sup>st</sup>** – Absentee Ballot applications available for Municipal Election of Officers in March 2027  
**Dec 31<sup>st</sup>** – 2026 Dog Licenses Expire  
**Jan 19, 2027** – Nomination Papers for Municipal Election of Officers due by close of business day  
**Jan 31, 2027** – Last day to license dogs for 2027 before the late fee of \$25 per dog on February 1<sup>st</sup>  
**Feb 1, 2027** – Late Fee begins, \$25 per dog. This is state law, no exceptions  
**Feb 16, 2027** – Absentee Ballots available for March 19 Municipal Election, In Person Absentee begins.  
**30<sup>th</sup> of each Month** – Tax Club Payments are due  
**Mar 19 & 20, 2027** – Municipal Election & Town Meeting