



# Town of Wendell

## NEWSLETTER

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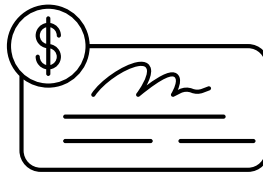
We have open seats for the **School Committee, Planning Board, Finance Committee, and possibly others!** If you are interested in being appointed for a position, please contact the Town Clerk's office for more information.

### WAGE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE MEMBERS SOUGHT

An employee of the town and a community member are sought to participate in the Wage Analysis Committee.

The Committee will include:

- Treasurer
- 1 Selectboard member
- 1 Finance Committee member
- 1 town employee
- 1 community member at large.



The purpose is to review all hourly rates and salaries of all positions in the Town of Wendell and provide any recommendations to the Finance Committee and Selectboard for those Town positions moving forward. This committee will not be discussing the job descriptions for any town positions.

Please contact Carolyn Manley, Treasurer, [wendellmatreas@gmail.com](mailto:wendellmatreas@gmail.com) if you are interested. We hope to limit our activities to 4 to 6 meetings from September through November.

### WENDELL COMMUNITY KITCHEN AVAILABLE TO RENT



The Wendell Community Kitchen is open for renters! Tucked in the back of the Town Hall on Center Street, the Wendell Community Kitchen is a Board of Health certified kitchen.

Are you hoping to produce salable food items? Do it in our clean, safe and well stocked kitchen! Do you have a small home kitchen and want to prepare a big meal with a quick and easy way to do the dishes? Do you want to host cooking classes, a community meal, or fundraiser? Contact the Community Kitchen to see if our space fits your needs. The kitchen currently has a commercial oven, 3 bay sink, commercial dishwasher, refrigerator, freezer, microwave and lots of pots, pans, and many cooking utensils. It is easy and cheap to rent out! \$15 minimum for the first 2 hours, then only \$5/hour after that!

Email Sarah Wilson, Kitchen Coordinator with any questions or to reserve: [s.sarahwilson@gmail.com](mailto:s.sarahwilson@gmail.com)

## News from Wendell's Municipal Light Plant (MLP)

### Municipal Partners Redundant, Reliable, and Resilient Backhaul Connection

On June 11, the Wendell Municipal Light Board, the New Salem Municipal Light Board, and WG&E (Whipp City) completed a project to provide a "Redundant, Reliable, and Resilient Backhaul Connection" for our Fiber Optic networks. What this means is there is now a Redundant, Reliable, and Resilient backhaul connection from both the Wendell and New Salem networks to the Internet backbone. There are now two separate 10gig physical routes to the public Internet from both of our huts, using two separate backhaul providers.

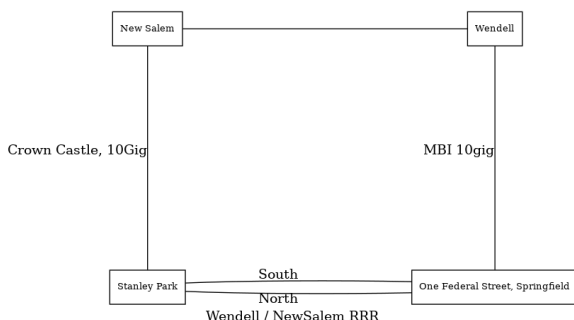
*What is "backhaul" and what is a "backhaul provider"?*

Backhaul is just the connection between our municipal network and the public Internet backbone and a backhaul provider is an ISP (Internet Service Provider) that provides such connections. There is now a connection between the Wendell hut to MBI -- the fiber goes down Wendell Depot Road to RT2 to Orange to MBI's POP (Point Of Presence), and from there to 1 Federal Street in Springfield (which is a nexus of Internet connections), by way of RT2 to Greenfield and then through fiber buried along I91. There is also a connection from New Salem's hut to Shutesburry and then to Crown Castle and then to Stanley Park (another nexus of Internet connections). There is also a fiber between Wendell's hut and New Salem's hut.

*What does "Redundant, Reliable, and Resilient" mean?*

Normally, New Salem's network will get backhaul from Crown Castle and Wendell's network will get backhaul from MBI. But if something should happen to MBI's connection, Wendell's network will automatically switch over to use New Salem's Crown Castle connection. Similarly, if the Crown Castle connection should fail, New Salem's network will switch over to use Wendell's MBI connection. This means there is a \*Redundant\* backhaul connection for both towns that is \*Reliable" and \*Resilient\*.

The Wendell Municipal Light Board, the New Salem Municipal Light Board, and WG&E (Whipp City) embarked on this project to ensure the customers in both towns will have the most reliable Internet connection possible. More information about Wendell's Fiber Optic network ("Wendell Net") is available on the Town Of Wendell's website, at [www.wendellmass.us/departments/wendell-net/](http://www.wendellmass.us/departments/wendell-net/) including how to sign up for Internet and VOIP Telephone services. Information about the Wendell Municipal Light Board is also available at <https://www.wendellmass.us/municipal-light-board/> including who is on the board and any upcoming meetings.



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# RECYCLING NEWS

Learn about techniques to reduce waste, reuse what you can, and improve your recycling, including the detailed "What Do I Do With...?" section, which is painstakingly updated each year to provide the best disposal options for household items - from aerosol cans to yoga mats.

In addition, to recycling information and advice, this issue focuses on squashing food waste. Learn how to reduce household food waste with food storage guides. Recycle the remaining food waste by composting, either in an indoor worm bin, a backyard compost bin, or at the transfer station (where available).

Here's the direct link to the RRR North guide: <https://tinyurl.com/RRRN-2024>

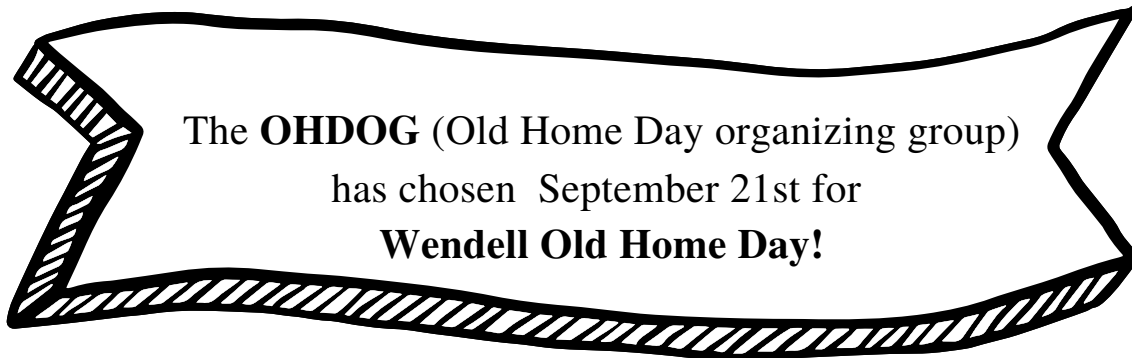
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