

# Memo

**To:** Berlin City Council  
**From:** Jim Wheeler, City Manager  
**Date:** 12/17/2018  
**Re:** City Manager's Report

1. We received three bids for the Napert Pumping Station Control Panel Replacement project. They are as follows:

Bidder	Bid Amount
Wilson Controls, Lee NH	\$20,850.
Electrical Installations, Scarborough, ME	\$34,000.
I & C Systems Engineering, Moultonborough, NH	\$38,488.

We are currently contacting references and conducting other due diligence on the low bidder before finalizing an award.

2. Hayley Lapointe, meteorologist at WMUR, was at the Berlin Public Library on Thursday, Dec. 6th, talking all things weather. There were 27 children and 39 adults who attended. Haley read **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs** by Judi Barrett. Each child left with a Yankee Weather Worm. She drove herself to this event without a camera crew so this visit will not air on TV but she did ask to be invited back again!
3. A Point of Dispensing set-up exercise is tentatively scheduled for 04/13/2019 at Berlin High School. The disaster preparedness exercise will involve setting up the school as a location for medication dispensing and running through the dispensing process. The local authority engaged in the planning and execution of the event is the Fire Chief as the Emergency Management Director
4. On December 24th, the Fire Department will be hosting a toy giveaway in conjunction with Recycled Percussion at the Fire Department from Noon until 3:00 p.m.
5. There will be a free class called "Stop the Bleed" at the Medallion Opera House, Wednesday, January 16th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Learn to recognize life-threatening bleeding and how to stop the bleed if someone is injured. The training is being organized by the North Country Health Consortium and the North Country Health Network. Anyone interested in attending can register at:  
  
<http://bit.ly/BCON-Jan16>
6. DOT has informed us that they will be doing a signage improvement project in communities in District 1 including Route 16 and Route 110 in Berlin. The project is intended to increase safety by updating all horizontal curve signs on state owned roadways (outside the urban compact) to meet federal standards. Signage will be updated in 2019 and 2020.

7. Attached is an article about **Pay as You Throw** trash programs in NH. This article was provided by Eric Grenier, Public Works Director, who is considering potential changes to our solid waste handling system. He will come before The Mayor and Council on a future date to present potential options.
8. The North Country Council Regional Planning Commission has announced that it is beginning the process of developing the 2020 Regional Transportation plan. More information can be found at:

<http://www.nccouncil.org/2020-regional-transportation-plan/>

When visiting the website you can [Subscribe to Regional Transportation Plan Updates](#).

9. On December 11, 2018 U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao announced \$1.5 billion in discretionary grant funding to 91 projects in 49 states and the District of Columbia. These projects fall under the BUILD transportation grant program for 2018 projects. The 2019 grant round has not yet been announced but with these awards, we expect we will hear soon. When it is announced, we expect to recommend an application for the 2019 round for the Downtown Snowmelt Project. The grant awards can be viewed at:

<https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/us-transportation-secretary-elaine-l-chao-announces-15-billion-build-transportation>

10. PWD Report is attached.
11. FD Report is attached.

# *Fire Department collecting new toys for needy children*

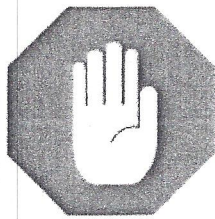
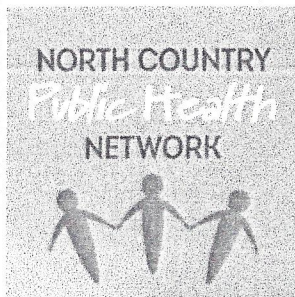
BERLIN — On Dec. 24, from noon to 3 p.m., the Berlin Fire Department in conjunction with Recycled Percussion will be hosting a toy giveaway for families in need at the fire station. The department is also accepting donations of new, unwrapped toys and is seeking the help of local businesses to set up various drop-off locations for the donations. Any local business willing to help with drop-off locations should contact the Berlin Fire Department at (603) 752-3135. Any local businesses willing to accept toys will be mentioned in Recycled Percussion/Chaos and Kindness social media.



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THE BLEED

**SAVE A LIFE**

**Bleeding Control Basic (BCon) Course**

Learn the Basics of Bleeding Control

*Learn to recognize life-threatening bleeding and how to  
stop the bleed if someone is injured.  
You are the help until help arrives!*

**Who:**

**Anyone!**

**When:**

**January 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6 – 9 PM**

**Where:**

**Medallion Opera House  
20 Park Street, Gorham**

**Register:**

**<http://bit.ly/BCON-Jan16> *Free***

**Contact:**

**Jim Richardson  
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(603)259-3700 x255**



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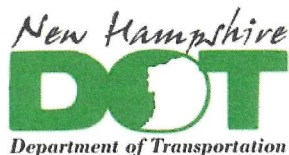


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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**



*William Cass, P.E.*  
*Assistant Commissioner*

Horizontal Curve Signing Project  
Statewide 28134  
Maintenance District 1

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Tel: 603-271-2171  
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December 5, 2018

Mr. James Wheeler  
City Manager  
City of Berlin  
168 Main Street  
Berlin, NH 03570

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

I am writing to let you know of an upcoming highway safety project to improve safety on roadway curves. The curve sign project will be on state roads in your municipality, as well as on state roads in all towns and cities in NHDOT Maintenance District 1. This same safety improvement is being implemented statewide.

The NHDOT will be designing and installing curve signs and chevrons based on measurements taken while driving each curve. Only those curves meeting certain criteria will be signed. This is required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to provide consistency in our highway warning signs. Most importantly, providing appropriate curve warning signs is a proven safety improvement to reduce run off the road crashes, which disproportionately result in serious injuries and fatalities on roadway curves.

The sign improvements are being made with Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds with no funding required by the municipality. Since all the signs are being installed on state owned and maintained roads there is no future maintenance responsibility for the municipality.

Most of the sign installations will occur in 2019, but the work may extend into 2020.

Please feel free to contact me at the number listed above or via e-mail  
[Michael.Dugas@dot.nh.gov](mailto:Michael.Dugas@dot.nh.gov) should you have any questions or comments.



# GREENMATTERS



SOURCE: PIXABAY

## New Hampshire's Pay-As-You-Throw Programs Are Reducing Waste By 50 Percent

BY KRISTIN HUNT

4 WEEKS AGO

In many New Hampshire towns, residents pay a premium for their waste. Since the 1990s, the state has embraced “pay-as-you-throw” trash programs, which charge locals \$1-2 for their trash bags. The bags come in different sizes, but they are the only bags the garbage haulers will collect, so they naturally encourage residents to waste less.

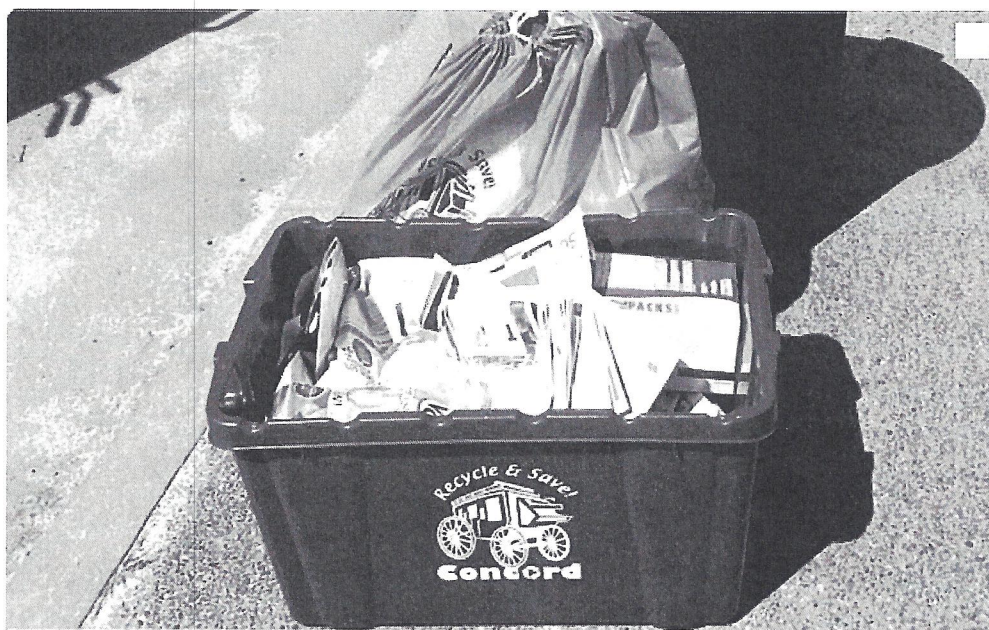
The state capital of Concord adopted this system in 2009, following at least **35 other New Hampshire communities** who had enacted similar policies long ago. The city of Dover, for instance, has been paying for throwing **since 1991**.



But do these pay-as-you-throw programs actually work? According to new research, yes. The University of New Hampshire recently studied 34 programs across the state and found that they significantly reduced trash disposal rates — in some cases, by more than 50 percent.

The UNH researchers evaluated the waste programs of 180 New Hampshire towns, representing 90 percent of the state's population. The 34 towns with pay-as-you-throw programs saw waste disposal rates drop by 42 to 54 percent compared to towns without trash pricing. These towns averaged only 780 pounds of annual waste per household, while the towns without pay-as-you-throw programs generated an average 1511 pounds.

"Households respond to economic incentives," John Halstead, a UNH professor of natural resources and the environment, said in a press release. "With unit-based pricing, the cost to the household may increase to dispose of trash, but the incentive to recycle is greater."



**General Services**  
**@ConcordNHGS**

Public works keeps the community clean with trash and recycling services. In #ConcordNH, we have single-stream recycling and a pay-as-you-throw trash bag program to decrease waste with easy recycling. Learn more about our solid waste services at: [concordnh.gov/solidwaste!](http://concordnh.gov/solidwaste!) #NPWW

6 1:20 PM - May 21, 2018

[See General Services's other Tweets](#)

The research [was published in](#) the *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review* earlier this year, with Halstead listed as one of three authors. (Ju-Chin Huang, a UNH professor of economics, and Christopher Wright, an adjunct professor for Montana State University, also worked on the report.)

The men studied data from 2008 to reach their conclusions, which was, as they note, a year of recession. Analysis from previous years showed “smaller impacts,” leading the researchers to wonder if the results were skewed by the economy.

Accordingly, the report recommends additional research on the impact of trash pricing over time, as well as their effect on recycling rates. While pay-as-you-throw programs are usually associated with a spike in recycling, the researchers did not find a statistically significant difference in recycling rates between New Hampshire towns with and without the programs.

Pay-as-you-throw has gained traction in cities and towns outside the Granite State. The [last EPA report](#) on the subject found 7,095 “PAYT” communities in America. They were especially popular in Oregon, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Washington, and New Hampshire — all states where the percentage of PAYT communities was 75 percent or higher. And they’re incredibly old news in some areas, which have been charging for trash since the 1970s.

## More from *Green Matters*

[5 Tips For Staying Waste-Free At Work](#)

[Experts Weigh In On Taking Your Kitchen From Wasteful To Waste-Free](#)

[9 Chefs Explain How They're Reducing Waste In Their Restaurants](#)



City of Berlin Public Works Department  
2018 Activity Report

Year	2016	2017	Year	2018	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Year	2016	2017	Year to	Date 2018	886	170	71	74	86	87	94	55	110	57	82	
Total Service Requests/Work Orders	895	937			886	170	71	74	86	87	94	55	110	57	82	
Administrative	82	60			31	6	3	3	6	0	5	1	1	1	1	4
Cemetery burials/repairs	15	17			30	3	2	0	1	7	2	4	7	2	2	0
Maintenance:Bldg/Furniture repair, Fences/Railings/Walls, Lawns/Trees, Signs, Vehicles	221	129			145	11	8	16	21	18	10	4	10	10	19	18
Parks and Grounds	79	101			75	4	6	4	6	8	12	6	5	10	7	7
Refuse/Recycle/Yard Waste	62	53			57	3	2	10	5	4	5	1	8	7	7	5
Sanitary Sewer	108	86			77	5	6	6	6	3	7	7	11	8	9	9
Storm Drainage System	91	80			102	23	13	2	7	5	8	9	20	6	6	3
Streets and Highways: Repairs of curbs/sidewalks/streets, line painting, sweeping, sanding, sand barrels, paving and potholes	237	411			508	115	31	33	34	42	45	23	48	13	31	93
City Owned Property Service Requests																
City Hall	64	53			48	3	4	5	2	3	5	2	1	6	11	6
Recreation Dept.	18	20			17	2	5	2	0	0	0	2	2	2	1	1
Library	9	9			5	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Fire Dept.	7	9			7	1	0	0	1	3	1	0	1	0	0	0
Schools	7	8			5	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0
Parks/Fields/Other City owned	68	76			70	4	0	2	6	8	11	7	6	10	11	5
CURRENT OPEN WORK ORDERS																
												227	261	229	187	169

# City of Berlin Fire Department

## Incident Type Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between {11/01/2018} And {11/30/2018}

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
<b>2 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat(no fire)</b>				
200 Overpressure rupture, explosion, overhear	2	5.26%	\$0	0.00%
	<b>2</b>	<b>5.26%</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>3 Rescue &amp; Emergency Medical Service Incident</b>				
300 Rescue, EMS incident, other	2	5.26%	\$0	0.00%
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	4	10.52%	\$0	0.00%
381 Rescue or EMS standby	1	2.63%	\$0	0.00%
	<b>7</b>	<b>18.42%</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)</b>				
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	2.63%	\$0	0.00%
413 Oil or other combustibile liquid spill	1	2.63%	\$0	0.00%
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	1	2.63%	\$0	0.00%
444 Power line down	1	2.63%	\$0	0.00%
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1	2.63%	\$0	0.00%
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	3	7.89%	\$0	0.00%
	<b>8</b>	<b>21.05%</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>5 Service Call</b>				
500 Service Call, other	5	13.15%	\$0	0.00%
511 Lock-out	2	5.26%	\$0	0.00%
531 Smoke or odor removal	2	5.26%	\$0	0.00%
553 Public service	1	2.63%	\$0	0.00%
561 Unauthorized burning	1	2.63%	\$0	0.00%
	<b>11</b>	<b>28.94%</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>6 Good Intent Call</b>				
600 Good intent call, Other	1	2.63%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	1	2.63%	\$0	0.00%
	<b>2</b>	<b>5.26%</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>7 False Alarm &amp; False Call</b>				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	4	10.52%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	1	2.63%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1	2.63%	\$0	0.00%
736 CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	2.63%	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	1	2.63%	\$0	0.00%



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7 False Alarm & False Call	8	21.05%	\$0	0.00%
Total Incident Count:	38	Total Est Loss:	\$0	