

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

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 2026 Taxes: Monday December 1, 2025 (first half) / Friday May 1, 2026 (second half)

If you have a change of address during the year, it is very important to notify the Town Office!

Important NOTICE for Re-Registering, Effective January 1, 2026

It will be 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.

Are you 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 **Notice to Build 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. Check with the town office, code enforcement, local plumbing inspector or planning board to ensure the proper documents are completed.

It is also important to notify the assessors if you have removed any structures from your property, so you will be taxed appropriately.

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. Sign up deadline is June 30th each year, accounts must have a zero balance on them to be eligible for the club.

If you don't want to join the tax club and you find yourself having difficulty making the two half payments? The town does accept tax payments in any increments and as often as you would like. Example: you may pay on a weekly, biweekly or monthly basis in an amount that fits your budget. Interest would accrue on any balance of the half unpaid after the due date.

Homestead Exemption, if you have owned your home for more than one year and claim Whitefield as your residency, YOU ARE ENTITLED TO IT. Look at your tax bill and see if you receive it. Applications are available at the Town Office and online. It helps reduce your tax bill (approximately \$250 depending on the mil rate).

Other exemptions and programs available are the Veterans Exemption, Tree Growth, Farmland and Open Space. All applications are due by April 1st.

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. If the credit exceeds the amount of your individual income tax due for the tax year, the excess amount of credit will be refunded to you.

More information on these can be found at https://www.revenue.maine.gov/ or 207-624-5600.

Property sold after April 1, 2025, the owner of record as of April 1, 2025 receives the tax bill. If your property was sold after April 1, 2025 please forward the bill to the new owner.

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Website Information

townofwhitefield.com

The **Town Website** has lots of information on it that you can browse at your convenience. You can even sign up for notifications via email, text or both. Check it out and sign up today!

GIS Online Viewer for Town Parcel Data and other State data is available on the town website. Government – Assessing *** ONLINE VIEWER - GIS TAX MAP DATABASE ***

Holidays 2025 - Town Office Closed

Oct 13th Mon – Indigenous People Day

Nov 11th Tues – Veterans Day

Nov 27th & Nov 28th Thurs & Fri - Thanksgiving

Dec 25th & 26th Thurs & Fri – Christmas

Jan 1, 2026 Thurs – New Year's Day

2026 Holiday Schedule will be posted in December

Volunteer Information

Whitefield needs Firefighters & EMTs. If you have an interest in either of these, you can contact Fire Chief Jesse Barton by email at whitefieldfiredepartment@gmail.com and/or our EMS Director Michael Johnson at whitefieldems1@gmail.com.

Volunteers 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. If you cannot commit to a committee, just contact the town office that you are willing to assist when needed.

Other Information

Municipal Officials annual election to be held in March 2026. Two select board seats, two planning board seats and one RSU #12 school board seat. If you are interested in serving the Town, nomination papers will be available December 11th.

Cooler weather is approaching. Heating season will be here before we know it. The town accepts donations for the **Heating Assistance Fund** for those in need. Checks can be made payable to the Town of Whitefield, noting donation for the heating assistance fund. Any donations made are tax deductible.

Compost Bins for Sale: The Solid Waste and Recycling Committee is selling three foot and four foot diameter compost bins. Contact David Wright via email wayupwright@gmail.com.

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



New License Plate Issuances began May 1, 2025:







Pine Tree Plate



No Tree Plate

Be prepared to let us know which plate you wish to have when you come in for a new registration or a re-registration. **All** chickadee plates are being replaced. Keep in mind you may also choose a specialty plate for an additional fee.

Dates to Remember 2025 / 2026

Aug 6th – Absentee Ballot Applications available for Nov 4th State Referendum Election

Oct 3rd – Absentee Ballots available for Nov 4 State Referendum Election

Oct 15th – Start Licensing Dogs (6 months & older) for the 2026 year. (Bring current Rabies and Spay/Neuter Cert)

Oct 31st – 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat 4 pm – 6 pm held at Central Fire Station, 24 Townhouse Road

Nov 1st – Snowmobile registrations available for the 2025-2026 Season

Nov 4th - State Referendum Election, Polls Open 8 am - 8 pm, Central Fire Station, 24 Townhouse Road

Dec 1st – Hunting/Fishing Licenses for the 2026 year are available

Dec 1st – 2026 Tax Payments due, first half, without interest. (Will accept postmarked Dec 1st)

Dec 2nd – Interest begins on 2026 Taxes, first half

Dec 11th – Nomination Papers available for the Municipal Election of Officers in March 2026

Dec 22nd – Absentee Ballot applications available for Municipal Election of Officers in March 2026

Dec 31st – 2025 Dog Licenses Expire

Jan 20, 2026 - Nomination Papers for Municipal Election of Officers due by close of business day

Jan 31, 2026 - Last day to license dogs for 2026 before the late fee of \$25 per dog on February 1st

Feb 1, 2026 – Late Fee begins, \$25 per dog. This is state law, no exceptions

30th of each Month – Tax Club Payments are due

Mar 20 & 21, 2026 - Municipal Election & Town Meeting

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