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Town of Peterborough Weekly Dispatch

Keeping Residents Informed During the COVID-19 Crisis

Town House offices remain staffed from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. A list of resources for conducting Town House business is available [here](#). If necessary, appointments for in-person interaction can be made between 8:00 AM and 12:00 PM.

Town offices will be closed on Monday, May 25th, in recognition of Memorial Day.

Announcement about Memorial Day

There will not be a Memorial Day Parade this year due to the current circumstances, but on Monday, May 25th at 10:00 AM, a small ceremony will be held to commemorate those lost. The Fire Department will blow the horn, and at the conclusion of the brief service to be held on the Grove Street Bridge, a bouquet of flowers will be tossed into the water below.

ADMINISTRATION

The [photo gallery](#) on the [Main Street Bridge webpage](#) has been updated with some great panoramic and drone-shot photographs of the recent construction, courtesy of Steve Lipofsky.

TOWN CLERK

Tuesday, June 2nd is the last day to change party affiliation prior to the NH State Primary in September. To check your party affiliation, please visit [this page](#) on the New Hampshire Voter Information website. The Application to Change Party Affiliation is available [here](#) on our website.

FINANCE

Spring tax bills are scheduled to be mailed out this week, with payment due on July 1st. Please call Finance with any billing questions at (603) 924-8000, ext 103. If you have questions about the assessed value of your property, please call the Assessing Office at (603) 924-8000, ext 132.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Restaurant Re-open Update

EDA members partnered with the Office of Community and Economic Development in a town-wide outreach to restaurants in advance of Emergency Order #40 taking effect on Monday, May 18th. At this time, [eight restaurants](#) have applied for a temporary outdoor seating license, and all have been successfully reviewed for safety and zone compliance by Chief Ed Walker and Code Enforcement Officer Tim Herlihy.

Residents are encouraged to call or check the website of their favorite restaurant for information as it relates to each location. Restaurants interested in adding outdoor seating and/or service can find information about temporary licensing [here](#) on the Town's website.

Our Town Together Campaign

The EDA Marketing Committee announced the "Our Town Together" Campaign last week. They are looking for stories of the people and organizations who demonstrate the spirit of community, who bring #ourtowntogether. Nominate an individual, business, or organization that has inspired you, or has

stepped up to solve a problem or meet a need. Send your nomination via email to khatcher@peterboroughnh.gov and tell us why you think we should tell their story. It may be a while before we can be together in-person, but we can build community and bring #ourtowntogether via social media. If you have ideas about how to keep us moving forward together while we're apart, feel free to share those with us, too!

LIBRARY

The Peterborough Town Library hosted another edition of Library Home Companion. The goal of the show is to highlight the talented folks in our region and promote online resources of the library. This edition features Tricia Rose Burt, Adam Arnone, Zachary Zalman Green, Amy Grace McIntire, Nanette Perrotte, Larry Schwartz, Rachel Sturges, and the entire staff of the Peterborough Town Library dancing like maniacs. Enjoy the show [here](#).

Plans for a phased reopening of the temporary library at 1 Jaffrey Road in the Monadnock Plaza will be announced next week. Thank you for your patience and support while we completed the library move.

RECREATION

Recreation would like to extend a big thank you to those senior program participants who are sewing masks for Rec staff in anticipation of Cunningham Pond re-opening, and a thank you to MCH for contributing some masks as well! The actual date and details will be announced soon. Please note Cunningham Pond will **not** be open for Memorial Day weekend.

Recreation Director Lisa Betz wanted to extend another huge thank you to Rec administrative assistant Lauren, who has been keeping the [Rec Facebook page](#) current as well as posting daily "to do" ideas for young and old alike to enjoy.

Rec is planning to have an announcement pertaining to summer recreation programs by the end of this week.

FIRE & RESCUE/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Residents are reminded that burn permits, which must be obtained [online](#), are required for all outside fires.

Remember to call your primary care physician with any COVID-19 related symptoms or questions. Do not hesitate to call 9-1-1 for medical emergencies.

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