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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.

ADMINISTRATION

Great progress is being made on the Bridge and Route 202 retaining wall, and the free-standing pedestrian bridge is nearly complete and scheduled to open the first week of June (the sidewalk on the south side of the Bridge will remain open for pedestrians in the meantime). The [photo gallery](#) on the [Main Street Bridge webpage](#) features some great panoramic and drone-shot photographs of the recent construction, courtesy of Steve Lipofsky.

TOWN CLERK

REMINDER: 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 were mailed out last week, with payment due on July 1st. Please call Finance with any billing questions at (603) 924-8000, ext 103.

BUILDING AND PLANNING

Danica Melone started this week as our new Town Planner. She comes to Peterborough from the North Country Council, where she served seventy-five communities as a planner working on a wide variety of projects, including grant administration, zoning ordinance development, community visioning, and master planning. Danica says she is excited to dive right in, and wants Peterborough residents to know that they are welcome to come to her with any question, “no matter how big or small.”

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Our Town Together Campaign

The EDA Marketing Committee has started receiving nominations for the “Our Town Together” Campaign, stories of the people and organizations here in Our Town who demonstrate the spirit of community, those who bring #ourtowntogether. The stories will be posted on the EDA’s Facebook page and several will be featured in the Monadnock Ledger-Transcript. There is still time to nominate an individual, a business, or an organization that has inspired you, someone who has stepped up over these challenging months to make life easier for others, to solve a problem or meet a need. To nominate someone, send an email to khatcher@peterboroughnh.gov.

EDA Meeting

The next public EDA meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 1st at 11:00 AM via Zoom virtual meeting platform. Check the [EDA page](#) for the invite.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Thank You to Parks Committee & Seasonal Staff

DPW Director Seth MacLean would like to recognize the Parks Committee and our seasonal staff for their dedication to our public parks and open spaces. A visit to any one of Peterborough's beautiful parks or gardens will reveal the extent of their hard work!

Recycling Center Changes Coming Soon

Residents should be on the look-out for an announcement later this week concerning changes to the current Recycling Center operations and limitations.

Road Program

The Road Program is off and running with projects starting this week. Current areas of focus include Windy Row, Spring Road, Glen Drive, Old Street Road, and Cornish Road.

Flush Responsibly

Please do your part to keep town sewage pump stations clog free: toilet paper is the **only** thing that should accompany human waste down the toilet. Most items labeled 'flushable' should usually not be flushed at all, and utilities staff have found everything from eggshells, floss, cigarette butts, grease, cotton swabs, and even articles of clothing clogging the pumps!

LIBRARY

Participate in the Peterborough Library Groundbreaking (virtually)! Send a photo of yourself and/or family holding your favorite book(s), giving a thumbs up, or otherwise congratulating or toasting the Peterborough Town Library to PTLGroundbreaking@gmail.com to be included in the virtual groundbreaking celebration. Send your photos by May 31st to be part of the momentous occasion.

RECREATION

Cunningham Pond Re-Opening Update

Recreation is planning to reopen Cunningham Pond on a reservation-only basis on Monday, June 1st. The reservation system will be open to all Peterborough residents (no sticker required this year) and to the non-residents who purchased a summer 2020 access pass before all the COVID-19 restrictions began. Initially Rec will offer reservations for the first two weeks in June. Please note that the online reservation system will go live at 8:30 AM on **Thursday, May 28th** (reservations can also be made over the phone by calling the Rec office at 603-924-8080). Visit the [Cunningham Pond page](#) on the Recreation website for full details.

Playground Program and Summer Teen Challenge

The PRD is taking a 4 week "pause" regarding the Playground Program and Summer Teen Challenge. Refunds for those who had previously signed up for those programs will be issued via mailed check over the next couple weeks. The hope is that programs can open on July 20th for the second half of the summer, but Rec will not be running the programs before then, and will re-assess the situation during the last full week of June.

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.**

The Weekly Dispatch is published on Tuesdays to both the Town website and Facebook page, and is emailed to those on the Select Board mailing list. If you would like to sign up to receive this in your inbox, visit this [link](#) and enter your email where indicated.