

August 18th, 2020

Town of Peterborough Weekly Dispatch

Keeping Residents Informed During the COVID-19 Crisis

TOWN CLERK

Appointments No Longer Necessary

The Town Clerk's Office is open for in-person business from 8:30-4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, and is accessible through the side door (Main Street side of the building). **Appointments are no longer necessary.** One customer at a time is allowed in the office; all others must wait outside the entrance until it is their turn.

August 26th is Last Day to Register Before Elections

The last day to register to vote in the Town Clerk's office is Wednesday, August 26th. After that, new voters will be required to register at the polls on election day.

Please Submit Absentee Ballot Requests & Return Ballots ASAP

We've said it before, and we'll say it again, because it's important: If you would like to vote via absentee ballot, please complete and submit an absentee ballot request form **as soon as possible** to ensure the Town Clerk's Office has adequate time to process all requests. Absentee ballot request forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office, and can also be [printed](#) at home. *Note: On the 'ward' line under section IV, simply put a dash or 'n/a'.*

Completed request forms can be turned in in-person, mailed (Town Clerk, 1 Grove Street, Peterborough, NH 03458), or scanned and emailed to lguyette@peterboroughnh.gov. Completed Ballots MAY NOT be e-mailed or put through the Town House mail slot. Ballots should be returned via mail, or given to the Town Clerk in-person. **If mailing your absentee ballot, please do so as soon as possible to ensure your ballot is received in time to be counted.** Call (603) 784-5605 with any questions.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Recycling Center Update

The Recycling Center will begin accepting commingled (mixed) aluminum and steel/tin cans from all customers on September 22nd, but, **to avoid the facility being inundated, a schedule has been created to allow for some recycling of aluminum and steel/tin prior to that date.** It is asked that residents adhere to the following schedule leading up to September 22nd:

Week 1: 8/25/20 through 8/29/20 – residents with license plates ending in even numbers may bring commingled aluminum and steel/tin for recycling.

Week 2: 9/1/20 through 9/5/20 – residents with license plates ending in odd numbers may bring commingled aluminum and steel/tin for recycling.

Week 3: 9/7/20 through 9/12/20 – residents with license plates ending in a letter or a symbol may bring commingled aluminum and steel/tin for recycling.

Please take a look at your license plate and bring your commingled aluminum and tin/steel for recycling during the appropriate window leading up September 22nd. Click [here](#) for all current details about Recycling Center operations.

LIBRARY

Online Voter Guide

The Peterborough Town Library has put together a Voter Guide. Check out [this site](#) for FAQ on how to vote in the upcoming primary and general election.

Community Read

The library has also announced a Community Read. Join your friends and neighbors in reading *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World made for Whiteness*. Read the book and then join a discussion on September 28th, October 12th, or October 26th. Click [here](#) for full information.

Current Services & Hours

The library is currently open from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM for curbside service, print-on-demand, and computer appointments at its temporary location on 1 Jaffrey Road, in the Monadnock Plaza. For more information call us 603) 924-8040 or email Library@PeterboroughNH.gov.

RECREATION

Cunningham Pond Update

Recreation had several volunteers step up to help monitor the gate at Cunningham Pond, so Rec Director Lisa Koziell-Betz is hopeful the Pond will be able to remain open through Labor Day weekend. She asks: "If you see a new face – please extend a warm thank you for helping us all out!"

Boat Rentals

Due to staffing challenges, there may be times when staff will not be available to assist with Cunningham Pond boat/paddleboard rentals. Lisa asks that people be flexible and patient, and be aware that there may occasionally be long delays, or no one available to help with rentals. As a reminder, please bring exact change for the \$5/hour rental and your own lifejacket if you are intending to rent a kayak or paddleboard.

New Programs

The Rec Department is offering several new programs: A "[Toddler Dance & Creative Movement Program](#)" is slated to start Thursday, September 17th and a "[Learn/Teach How to Ride](#)" bicycling class for adults/older teens is scheduled for Saturday, September 16th, 10:00 AM to noon. To see what programs are currently available from Peterborough Recreation, visit the [Programs page](#) on the Rec website.

Summer Teen Challenge

Recreation completed their last week of the Summer 2020 Challenge. The kids had a good time and things went well from a COVID-19 perspective. Rec is selling leftover t-shirts for a \$5 donation to support the PRD Scholarship Fund. If you are interested in purchasing one, please call (603) 924-8080.

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