

September 1st, 2020

Town of Peterborough Weekly Dispatch

Keeping Residents Informed During the COVID-19 Crisis

Town Offices will be closed on Monday, September 7th, in recognition of Labor Day.

Town House offices remain staffed from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. The Town Clerk's office is open, accessible via the side door (on the Main Street side of the building) from 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM; no appointment required. The front doors of the Town House remain restricted to staff use only.

PRIMARY ELECTIONS COMING UP ON SEPTEMBER 8th

Primary Elections will be held Tuesday, September 8th at the Community Center from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Peterborough voters are encouraged to vote via absentee ballot. Those who wish to vote in-person will find the procedure to be very similar to Town Meeting voting last July. It is respectfully requested that those who wish to vote in-person wear a mask at the polls. Those who are unable or refuse to wear a mask/face covering will also be accommodated at the Community Center, though in a separate area, and may find the wait time significantly longer.

TOWN CLERK

Last Day to Register Before the Primary: September 1st

The last day to register to vote at the Town Clerk's office prior to the September 8th Primary is Tuesday, September 1st. The Supervisors of the Checklist will hold their final session prior to the election from 6:00-7:00 PM on Tuesday, September 1st at the Town House (*front door entry permitted*). Please bring photo ID, proof of residency and citizenship paperwork. Though those who miss this meeting may still register to vote on Election Day.

Submit Absentee Ballot Requests by September 3rd

The last day to request an absentee ballot via mail or email and ensure adequate time for processing is Thursday, September 3rd. Absentee ballots also can be requested in-person at the Town Clerk's Office on Friday, September 4th. Completed absentee request forms can be turned in in-person, scanned and emailed to lguyette@peterboroughnh.gov, or mailed to Town Clerk, 1 Grove Street, Peterborough, NH 03458. If mailing, please indicate to the Post Office that the envelope is 'in-town' and *please remember that Monday is a Federal Holiday*.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Roadwork Update

As part of the ongoing Roadway Management program, we have committed to rehabilitating Hunter Farm Road and MacDowell Road, as well as improving the surfaces of Windy Row, Laurel Street, Shadow Lane, and Tarbell Road. Preparatory work has already begun, and our paving contractor is expected to begin the first phase of paving in October, with completion scheduled for early spring of 2021 (weather and circumstances permitting).

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. Please visit the [webpage](#) for the schedule and all current details about Recycling Center operations.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Updated Guidance from the State

The State has updated Universal Guidance for the following types of businesses effective 8/27/20: Community Arts and Music Education, Libraries, Golf Courses, Funeral Homes, Museums, Outdoor Entertainment, State Parks and others. Please click [here](#) for details. Clarifications were also made regarding guidance for [Employee Travel](#).

RECREATION

Cunningham Pond

The gate at Cunningham Pond will be locked for the season after Labor Day (Monday, September 7th). Due to the cooler weather and the recent sharp decline in both reservations and drop-ins, Rec may be closing the gates earlier in the evening this week, if the folks reservation have left for the day and there are not any non-reservation cars coming in. It is recommended to the non-reservation swimmers to come closer to 5:30 PM, rather than 6:15/6:30 PM.

Message from Recreation Director Lisa Koziell-Betz: "I want to thank the general public in adapting and working within the guidelines imposed by the CDC and the State. Once we got over the initial shock of the changes due to COVID-19 and made some operational adjustments, things seem to flow pretty smoothly. I can tell you we did turn away a lot of non-residents and people from other states who were looking for a place to swim. Many had a GPS in hand, going from one swimming location to another to see who would let them in. So, thank you all for your patience and understanding in allowing us to provide the residents of Peterborough a safe haven to swim and relax. And a Very Special Thank You to the members to the Peterborough Recreation Committee and other residents who volunteered their time to make this all happen and keep the gates open through Labor Day. We could not have done it without you!"

New Program Offerings

Rec is offering a great variety of new programs, including Intro to Fly Casting/Fly Fishing, Intro to Kayaking & Stand Up Paddle Boarding (with sessions available for both youth and adults), Home Alone Safety Class, Toddler Dance & Creative Movement, and more! Please visit the [programs page](#) on the Rec website for more information about all program offerings.

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