

September 9th, 2020

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. 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.

ELECTIONS

Thank you to all who upheld their civic duty and voted in the primary election on September 8th! There was a total of 1,994 ballots cast, including 1,019 absentee ballots. You can see full election results [here](#) on our website. There was overall excellent use of masks/face coverings, and town staff and volunteers ensured that voting booths were kept clean and sanitary for the duration of voting.

An even higher voter turn-out is expected for the general election on November 3. Though layout and protocol at the Community Center will be similar to town meeting election and primary election, the Town plans to improve the voter experience by ensuring there is clear signage and adequate outdoor lighting, as there may not be much natural light for those stopping by the polls prior to or after work.

Those who wish to vote via absentee ballot in general election and have not yet submitted an [absentee ballot request form](#) are encouraged to do so as soon as possible. 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. Please call (603) 784-5605 with any questions about ballots or voting.

ADMINISTRATION

Main Street Bridge

Demolition of the Main Street Bridge has officially begun! Visit the pedestrian bridge to see the progress (and then walk around the corner to see the great strides that have been done at the Library construction site), or visit the [Main Street Bridge website](#), which is updated regularly.

Patio Project Complete

The leveling of the Town House front patio is complete. The final phase of the project involved the temporary relocation of the James W Lenane Wishing Well (which was noticed by a number of residents who were concerned for the well-being of our noble equine friend), but the fountain is now back in its rightful place next to the stairs!



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Recycling Center Position Still Open

The DPW still has a part-time/on-call [recycling attendant](#) position open at the Recycling Center, and is offering a starting wage of \$15.56 an hour. Click [here](#) for full details and, if you're interested, click [here](#) for the Town of Peterborough employment application.

The Town of Peterborough is an equal opportunity employer.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Community Conversation Series

The Monadnock Center for History and Culture has announced a three-part Community Conversation series: "Racism in our Communities." The gathering will take place Sunday, September 20, from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. The conversations will be facilitated outdoors to allow for social distancing, in the courtyard between the Town House and the Monadnock Center. Registration is required and a commitment to attend the series is requested. Details can be found [here](#).

LIBRARY

Visiting/Browsing Hours Begin Next Week

Beginning Monday September 14th, the Peterborough Town Library (in its temporary location in the Monadnock Community Plaza on 1 Jaffrey Road) will be open Monday - Friday from 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM for brief visits and limited browsing. Curbside services will be available from 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM, also Monday - Friday. Find out more about all services offered by the Library by visiting PeterboroughTownLibrary.org or by calling (603) 924-8040.

RECREATION

Cunningham Pond

With the continued help and support of the Recreation Committee and some wonderful volunteers, Cunningham Pond will remain open on a limited basis through Sunday, October 11th. The [reservation system](#) established at the start of the summer season will remain in place – please visit the link for full details. Kayak and paddle board rentals are no longer available, though visitors are welcome to bring their own non-motorized boats.

Adams Playground Now Open!

Kids can finally get some play time in at Adams while the weather is still good! Signage with safety guidelines and hand sanitizing stations have been set up at the entrances, but visitors should note the area is not cleaned outside of normal measures: Cautiously play at your own risk. Public restrooms are not available at this time, and the water fountains have not been installed due to COVID-19 concerns.

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