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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. 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.

TOWN CLERK

Absentee Ballots

Those who are planning to vote via absentee ballot in the State General Election on November 3rd should get their [absentee ballot requests](#) in 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.

Have you already requested an absentee ballot and are curious as to when you will see it in the mail? The Town Clerk's Office is anticipating that absentee ballots will be available to mail around October 1st. Voters should make every effort to return their absentee ballots as early as possible, especially if returning them via USPS. Ballots may also be returned in-person to the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours (8:30 AM-4:00 PM, Monday-Friday). Please call (603) 784-5605 with any questions about ballots or voting.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Voluntary Outdoor Watering Ban

Effective Wednesday, September 16th, the Town will be implementing/recommending a voluntary outdoor watering ban, as drought conditions continue across the state and are unfortunately not expected to improve in the immediate future. Until further notice, it is requested that users of the public water supply voluntarily suspend use of outdoor watering of all types and for all purposes. More information about state drought conditions can be found on the [NHDES Drought Management Page](#). The efforts of residents can go a long way towards preserving the public water supply and protecting the public water distribution system.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Receives Award

The DPW is proud to announce that for two consecutive years the Peterborough Wastewater Treatment Plant and our Utilities Department have been awarded "Outstanding AquaSBR Plant Performance." This honor is only bestowed to facilities that have zero violations relative to their EPA Discharge Permits. What this means is that Peterborough's wastewater plant runs exceptionally well, is maintained to the highest standard, and is consistently discharging clean and safe water to the Contoocook River. A huge congratulations and a well-deserved thank you go out to our Utilities Department!

Recycling Center Now Accepting Comingled Aluminum/Steel

All Recycling Center customers may now bring their comingled aluminum, tin, and steel for recycling. Thank you for your cooperation regarding the schedule that allowed for gradual acceptance of these materials. For up-to-date information on all the current Recycling Center practices, please visit [this page](#) on the town website.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Invitation from the Peterborough Welcome Team

The Peterborough Welcome Team invites all residents, especially those new to town, to join our first VIRTUAL Meet and Greet event, on Thursday, October 15th from 6:30 – 7:30 PM via Zoom. We may not be able to meet in person, but we can use break-out rooms on Zoom to help us meet each other and get acquainted. The event will not be recorded. Registration is required - Please click [here](#) if you would like participate.

LIBRARY

Visiting/Browsing Hours Now Available

Starting this week, the Peterborough Town Library (in its temporary location in the Monadnock Community Plaza on 1 Jaffrey Road) is 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.

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