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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), faxed to 603-924-8001, or scanned and emailed to lguyette@peterboroughnh.gov.

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 the Town Clerk's direct line at (603) 784-5605 with any questions about ballots or voting.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Wastewater Treatment Plant Receives Award



In the previous Dispatch, we announced that our Utilities Department has been awarded “Outstanding AquaSBR Plant Performance” for its second consecutive year. Here is the team that does such an excellent job performing the vital operations at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Thank you again, and congratulations!

Voluntary Outdoor Watering Ban

The Town has implemented a voluntary outdoor watering ban, as drought conditions persist across the state. 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.

OFFICE OF PLANNING & BUILDING

Capital Improvements Program

The Capital Improvements Program (CIP) is kicking-off on Wednesday, September 30th at 3:00 PM. CIP Committee meetings are open to the public, and will be held Wednesdays at 3:00 PM. Meetings will be held in the Upper Hall, and will be accessible through the rear entrance on the Main Street side of the building. Please note that the front doors of the Town House will remain closed.

Planning Board to Discuss Housing

The Planning Board will be meeting virtually on Monday, October 12th at 6:30 PM to hear two Preliminary Review applications and one Site Plan Review application. All three proposals involve housing, and anyone interested in the issue is encouraged to attend. You can find meeting information [here](#) on the Town website and may contact Danica Melone at (603) 924-8000 ext. 116 with any questions regarding this meeting or the CIP meetings.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Peterborough Included in NHHFA Housing Study

For those interested in learning more about the issues that impact housing in our town, Peterborough has been included in a very exciting study commissioned by the NH Housing Finance Authority: 'From the Outskirts to Downtown: Taxes, Land Use & Value in 15 New Hampshire Communities,' The [online presentation](#) is scheduled for October 15th at 10:00 AM. Registration is required, but the presentation and is free and open to the public, and will be recorded for those who are not able to participate live.

REMINDER: 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

Virtual Storytime Returns!

[Virtual storytime](#) is back! Join us via Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 AM for stories, songs, and craft ideas. We are happy to announce 'Take and Make' storytime crafts will be available for families to pick-up. Parents can create their own storytime and enjoy these easy fun kits to-go.

Library Services and Hours

The library, which is currently operating out of its temporary location on 1 Jaffrey Road, is now open for brief visits and browsing Monday through Friday, from 12:00 PM-6:00 PM. Curbside services are available Monday-Friday 10:00 AM-6:00 PM. Come on by and visit! Free printing and computers available by appointment. Click [here](#) to find out more.

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