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Town of Peterborough Weekly Dispatch

Keeping Residents Informed During the COVID-19 Crisis

Peterborough town employees are still working hard to keep things running smoothly. Though access is limited to employees at this time, the Town House offices remain staffed from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

Most Town House business can be conducted online, over the phone, or via mail. There is also a secured mail slot on the door to the left of the main doors of the Town House. A [list of resources](#) for conducting Town House business has been compiled and is available on the website. If absolutely necessary, appointments for in-person interactions can be made between 8:00 AM and 12:00 PM, Monday through Friday. This applies to all Town House offices.

ADMINISTRATION

The Main Street Bridge is still on schedule to close on April 13th. The south sidewalk will remain open until the pedestrian bridge is completed on the north side (library side) of the Main Street Bridge. Installation of traffic signals at the Granite Street/Route 101 intersection will begin on April 8th.

The Bus Shelter project at the River Walk Parking Lot has been awarded to Project Resources Inc. and is scheduled for completion by mid-summer.

Town Administrator Rodney Bartlett would like to thank residents and town employees for their ongoing support and cooperation.

TOWN CLERK

[Instructions on how to conduct Town Clerk business](#) are available on the website. The Town Clerk's hours are now 8:30-4:00 every day (no longer open late on Thursdays).

From Town Clerk Linda Guyette: The Peterborough Rabies Clinic that was scheduled for Saturday, April 25th has been canceled. If your dog needs to be re-vaccinated, please contact your veterinarian to schedule an appointment. We apologize that we cannot provide this service this year.

The end of the month means lots of registrations that need to be renewed. We encourage you use the drop box in front of the Town House, on the door to the left of the main doors. If you include your phone number, we will call to notify you when registration is complete and to arrange pick up. Or, provide a stamped, self-addressed envelope and we will mail your renewals to you. We can also use the same process for dog licensing, which is still due by April 30th.

FINANCE

Balances of [property tax bills](#), [utility bills](#), and [ambulance bills](#) can be found and paid online. Finance is happy to answer questions and assist customers over the phone at (603) 924-8000 ext. 103 or via email: emarsh@peterboroughnh.gov. Finance reminds residents that the drop box mail slot on the door to the left of the main door to the Town House is secured, and all deposited items are collected daily.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Office of Community Development has put procedures in place to ensure that anyone interested in attending public meetings is able to do via telephone or internet, and all meeting materials will be available on the website. There is a Zoning Board meeting scheduled for Monday, April 6th, at 6:30 PM; information specific to that meeting, and instructions on how to attend the meeting virtually or over the phone, can be found [here](#).

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Operations at the Recycling Center have been modified to protect employees and the public. Hours remain the same, but method of disposal of certain items has changed; please see the [website](#) for complete details.

Utilities Superintendent Nate Brown reminds residents that toilet paper and human waste are the only things that should be flushed; [everything else](#) should go in the trash. Flushing wet wipes (even those labeled as 'flushable'), paper towels, or disinfecting wipes can cause blockages that complicate operations and waste resources.

Assistant DPW Director Seth MacLean would like to thank all Public Works employees for their continued dedication during this challenging time: "Our employees have continued to work in support of critical infrastructure and services here in Peterborough, all while adhering to new social-distancing guidelines."

LIBRARY

The [Peterborough Town Library](#) is offering a variety of virtual services. Check out online programs for tech help and classes, book clubs, and storytimes. The eLibrary offers audiobooks, eBooks, classes, language learning, SAT practice, movies, TV shows, and music! All you need is your library card. If you need a card, email Library@PeterboroughNH.gov or call (603) 924-8040.

RECREATION

Most programs are suspended until further notice, but the Rec Department is frequently updating their [website](#) and [Facebook page](#) with programming changes, as well as suggestions for activities that can be done while maintaining a safe social distance.

The Farmer's Market will be open 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM April 1st (barring future public restrictions), with strict enforcement of the 6-foot social distancing and other safety measures. Nine vendors are scheduled to be in the usual location, outside the Community Center on Elm Street.

The Community Center Garden has established a [Facebook page](#). They are now accepting applications for the seasonal purchase of garden beds.

Recreation Director Lisa Betz would like to give her thanks to Fire Chief Ed Walker, who she says has been a "huge help" to Recreation "as far as fielding questions about what programs we can go forward with (and doing it kindly in the process)."

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department has initiated several new protocols to help protect both officers and the public. Residents are encouraged to report crime or miscellaneous incidents via phone or email: (603) 924-8050 or sguinard@peterboroughnh.gov.

If a resident feels that they have been the target of a COVID-19 scam (individuals trying to sell them certain COVID-19 related products or services), they are to report it to the National Center for Disaster Fraud at (866) 720-5721, or email at disaster@leo.gov.

Chief Guinard would like to recognize and thank all members of the Police Department for their dedication and commitment to providing valuable police services to the community during this crisis. He would also like to thank the Peterborough Fire Department for their guidance and support.

The community can rest assured that the Peterborough Police Department will continue to be there for them 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

FIRE & RESCUE

Peterborough Fire & Rescue continues to work closely with surrounding towns and Monadnock Community Hospital to ensure that they are ready to respond to any COVID-19 related calls. Like other town departments, they are still providing core services online and over the phone. Residents are encouraged to check the PFR [Facebook page](#) for information and updates.

For mild COVID-19 related symptoms or questions please call your primary care physician. If you are suffering a medical emergency, call 9-1-1. Do not delay care out of fear of going to the hospital.

The Weekly Dispatch is published on Tuesdays to both the Town website and Facebook page, and is emailed to those on the Select Board mailing list. If you would like to sign up, enter your email in the 'Stay Connected' box found in the right-hand menu on the [Town website](#).