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Town of Peterborough Weekly Dispatch

Keeping Residents Informed During the COVID-19 Crisis

Though access is limited to employees, 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. Deposited items are collected daily. A [list of resources](#) for conducting Town House business is available on the website. If absolutely necessary, appointments for in-person interaction can be made between 8:00 AM and 12:00 PM.

HUMAN SERVICES

The COVID-19 pandemic has left many people facing unexpected financial challenges. Residents who are struggling to meet their basic needs (for whatever reason) can apply for financial assistance through the Town welfare office. Information and application can be found [here](#).

ADMINISTRATION

Main Street Bridge Update: On Wednesday and Thursday of this week (April 8th & 9th), contractors will be completing installation of traffic lights at the Granite Street/Route 101 intersection. Expect to see police and flaggers on site while this work is completed. Work to widen Route 202 will also start April 8th, with use of flaggers for daily lane closures. **This work is expected to go on for a couple weeks, so the full bridge closure has been pushed off until that work is finished.** In the meantime, the bridge will remain open to 1-way traffic for as long as possible to minimize traffic through Route 202.

The south sidewalk will remain open until the pedestrian bridge is completed on the north side (library side) of the Main Street Bridge.

TOWN CLERK

Appointments are not needed for renewals. Residents should use the drop box in front of the Town House, found on the door to the left of the main doors - Include your phone number and you will be notified when registration is complete, or you may provide a stamped, self-addressed envelope and renewals will be mailed to you. The same process can be used for dog licensing, which is still due by April 30th.

[Instructions on how to conduct Town Clerk business](#) are available on the website. The Town Clerk's hours are 8:30 AM -4:00 PM, Monday-Friday.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Work continues on the Town House Renovation Project with interior and exterior painting nearing completion, and exterior masonry work has resumed.

The Utilities Department continues to be focused on providing clean drinking water to water users and ensuring that water leaving the wastewater treatment facility is safe for the environment. Work will soon begin on a joint Highway/Utilities project where a sewer main access road will be upgraded to make the main more easily accessible.

Street sweeping has begun; The full schedule is available [here](#). Highway staff is also working on patching roads, addressing road drainage, and doing preparatory work in advance of summer road paving. Staff will soon begin re-evaluating each road in accordance with the Town's established road preservation program.

Public Works extends its deepest thanks to Recycling Center patrons for their judicious use of the [facility](#). Thank you for doing your part to minimize the amount of items coming into the facility at this time; this is helping to keep our staff and patrons healthy, and by extension it keeps the facility running smoothly.

FINANCE

Reminder: 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.

LIBRARY

The Library has added [Tumblebooks](#) to its online resources. Tumblebooks has eBooks and audiobooks for kids. It is a great resource for emerging readers, parents, and students of all ages who are homeschooling.

From Library Director Corinne Chronopoulos: "We would like to give a huge thank you to library staff member Dyane Young. Dyane has been calling and writing cards to patrons as a way to offer connection and important information to those who may not be online."

RECREATION

Spring programming may be paused for now but planning for summer is not – Recreation is looking for summer staff! If you're interested, please fill out an [application](#) and submit to lbetz@peterboroughNH.gov. Deadline to apply is Monday, April 24th.

The Rec Department has two opportunities for Easter fun that comply with the current stay-at-home and physical distancing orders. Visit [here](#) for full details about the Virtual Easter Egg Hunt and 'Count the Eggs' project.

Program Coordinator Gloria Schultz is sending out weekly newsletters to seniors. If you would like to be included, call the Rec office at (603) 924-8080 and or email Gloria at gschultz@peterboroughNH.gov.

The Farmer's Market will be open 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Wednesday, April 8th outside the Community Center on Elm Street. Strict enforcement of 6-foot social distancing and other safety measures are in place to protect visitors and vendors.

Due to the uncertainty of when restrictions will be lifted, summer programming participants who [register online](#) now have the option to register without an immediate financial commitment. You can choose to pay if you are able, or hold off – the option is yours. Full payments for the programs will be due by the Friday before the start of the program.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Reminder: 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.