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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. A list of resources for conducting Town House business is available [here](#). If necessary, appointments for in-person interaction can be made between 8:00 AM and 12:00 PM.

There is a lot of positive news in this issue of the Dispatch. In these challenging times, there are many reasons to be proud of Peterborough residents and our strongly knit community.

ADMINISTRATION

Main Street Bridge Update: The bridge is now officially closed to all motor vehicles. The south sidewalk will remain open until the pedestrian bridge is completed.

The traffic lights at the intersection of Route 101 & Granite Street are fully functional; please practice extra caution while approaching this intersection while everyone adjusts to using the signals.

There will be a lot of activity in the next couple weeks (circumstances and weather permitting, of course). Work will include striping (line painting) for parking spaces on and adjacent to Main Street; installation of barrier in front of Bar Harbor Bank; removal of fire hydrant at Centertown; removal of stone at the Centertown corner of the bridge; and construction of temporary bridge foundations. Anyone curious about the project is encouraged to visit the [Main Street Bridge Project website](#) for more details.

We'd like to extend our thanks to SoClean, who recently provided the Town House with two boxes of face masks. Though the Town House is closed to the public, there are still Town staff who have necessary in-person interactions and who must visit various locations as part of their jobs, so the masks are much appreciated!

TOWN CLERK

The State is allowing a 30-day extension on dog licenses, so the new deadline is May 29th. Licensing can be done by mail, [online](#), or via the Town House drop box. If you would like the dog licenses mailed to you, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope. If you would prefer to pick up dog licenses, include your phone number and you will be notified when licenses are complete.

If your dog(s) require rabies revaccination, contact your veterinarian for an appointment.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Thank you to all who participated in roadside cleanup this past weekend. Our Highway Department picked up 86 filled bags, which doesn't include the bags left roadside along state highways.

Utilities Superintendent Nate Brown reminds residents that toilet paper is the **only** thing that should accompany human waste down the toilet. Nate and Utilities staff have found everything from eggshells, floss, cigarette butts, grease, cotton swabs, and even articles of clothing clogging the pumps!

The hydrant-flushing program is still underway, so some residents may experience discolored water, low water pressure, or a temporary disruption in water service. Please click [here](#) for more information.

LIBRARY

The Peterborough Town Library invites you to watch a [Library Home Companion](#)! This variety show was produced by volunteers and features amazing musicians, storytellers, and performers from our region. Hosted by Tricia Rose Burt, this show has something everyone will enjoy!

RECREATION

The fields and courts at Adams remain open but visitors are asked to practice 6-foot social distancing guidelines and to adhere to the Governor's order of limiting group gatherings to under 10 or risk the closure outdoor facilities.

Recreation Director Lisa Betz has two positive things to share:

Senior Program Specialist Gloria Schultz has been receiving accolades for her efforts to keep seniors connected and engaged. She's been mailing out weekly newsletters, making calls to check in on PRD senior program participants, and running a group Zoom meeting on Friday mornings. Thank you, Gloria, for all you do!

In the process of issuing refunds for Youth Lacrosse and Youth Softball, one family asked that, rather than be refunded, their registration fee go into the PRD Scholarship Fund. The family knows that many people have lost jobs or are furloughed, and they have been lucky enough to maintain their income during COVID-19 so this was one way they wanted to help. Thank you!

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Relating to staying safe and healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic, Police Chief Scott Guinard has shared two PSAs from the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police; one for [adults](#) and one for [children](#).

FIRE & RESCUE

There has been a lot of talk recently about wearing cloth face coverings to help slow the spread of COVID-19. The New Hampshire Division of Public Health Services has produced a [flyer](#) with information including recommended mask usage, care instructions for cloth masks, and a link to the CDC's instructions on [how to make your own](#), no sewing ability required!

A NOTE FROM THE PETERBOROUGH FOOD PANTRY:

Gloria 'Glo' Morison, President of the Peterborough Food Pantry's Board of Directors, shared with the Select Board that the Peterborough Food Pantry's "drive-thru" service is working well while keeping everyone at a safe distance. There are about 12 regular volunteers (in masks and gloves, of course) that are keeping things up and running. The Pantry, which operates out of the Community Center on Elm Street, is open from 9:00 AM to noon on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

The Peterborough Food Pantry asks for monetary donations or gift cards to local grocery stores so that they may purchase the most-needed items for their customers. Glo added, "our community has been AMAZINGLY generous, and we have been very blessed to be thought of so kindly. Our customers tell us every day how happy they are to know we are here for them!"