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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. Most Town House business can be conducted online, over the phone, or via mail. A list of resources for conducting Town House business is available [here](#). If absolutely necessary, appointments for in-person interaction can be made between 8:00 AM and 12:00 PM.

ADMINISTRATION

There have been discussions regarding the postponement/cancellation of Memorial Day festivities. More details will be available soon.

Main Street Bridge Update: Traffic lights have been installed at the Granite Street/Route 101 intersection. Work to widen Route 202 has started, with use of flaggers for daily lane closures. The full bridge closure has been pushed off until this work is finished, predicted for late April. 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

Just a reminder: Per State Law RSA 466:1, all dogs must be licensed by April 30th. This can be done by mail, [online](#), or by utilizing the drop box on the doors to the left of the main doors to the Town House. If you would like the licenses mailed to you, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope. If you would prefer to pick licenses up, include your phone number and you will be notified when licenses are complete.

We understand that some dogs must be re-vaccinated for rabies, though this may be challenging as local rabies clinics have been cancelled due to COVID-19. Check with your veterinarian to see if they are making appointments for rabies shots. You may also be able to have your dog seen at [Great Brook Veterinary Clinic](#) in Antrim; their phone number is (603) 588-3460.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The hydrant-flushing program will resume on Tuesday, April 14th, and will run through late May. Flushing will occur between 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Residents may experience discolored water, low water pressure, or a disruption in water service during this time. Please click [here](#) for more information. With the increased need for hand hygiene, we would like to reassure residents that even if water appears discolored **it is still safe to use for handwashing purposes**.

The current posted road restrictions will be lifted on Friday, April 17th.

LIBRARY

The Town of Peterborough, the 1833 Society and the Library Trustees have announced the library will break ground in late May of 2020. The most recent effort to renovate and rebuild the Peterborough Town Library began in 2011 and is moving forward after nine years of careful planning and community input and support. Harvey Construction will oversee the project along with Ann Beha Architects. Construction will take approximately 15 months and will be completed parallel to work on the Main Street Bridge. Both projects will be coordinated and completed within the next two years.

The historic 1892 portion of the library will be restored and the 1957 and 1978 wings will be demolished and replaced with and vastly improved spaces for the public which will include a sustainable HVAC system, ADA compliant entrances, and an elevator.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the library project and view a 3D walkthrough of the new building, or call 924-8040 for more information.

RECREATION

Please join us in welcoming John Kohlmorgen to the Recreation Department! John will be joining Rec as the new Program Coordinator on April 20th. He brings with him a wealth of experience and knowledge and he grew up in the Monadnock Area so he knows Peterborough well. He is a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional, Certified Pool Operator, trained in first aid, CPR and much more. We will be working hard to get summer organized so we're ready whenever the COVID-19 restrictions lift!

Friday's Senior Lunches have been temporarily reformatted to the 'Lunch Bunch Chat.' If you have internet and a computer or phone with video capabilities and would like to be included in the weekly video chat for seniors, 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 14th outside the Community Center on Elm Street. Safety measures are in place to protect visitors and vendors, including limiting of only one visitor at a time at vendor tables, use of gloves and masks by vendors, and requirement that all food products are pre-wrapped. All visitors are reminded to maintain the 6-foot distancing recommendation and are encouraged to wear masks themselves.

The fields and courts at Adams remain open but this could change at any time, based upon behavior. We strongly urge everyone to adhere to the Governor's order of limiting group gatherings to under 10 and to follow the recommendations of the 6-foot social (or more accurately, physical) distancing. Thank you, in advance, for your attention to this.

All the appointment slots for the Blood Drive scheduled for April 16th at the Community Center are filled, but the need for donations is still tremendous. Please visit www.recrossblood.org to find other Blood Drive locations.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Residents may still dispose of unwanted pharmaceuticals at the police station. Use the phone in the blue box at the front door to connect with police dispatch. An officer or dispatcher will meet you (while respecting social distancing) and to collect the drugs and deposit them into the collection box for you.

The Peterborough Police Department would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to the following organizations for their generous donation of N95 Respirators:

President Daniel Lemieux of New Hampshire Ball Bearings – over 200 masks
Monadnock Community Hospital – 20 masks
Safety Environmental Control (Marlborough, NH) – 20 masks

These masks have been made available to all first responders of the Peterborough Police, Ambulance and Fire Departments.

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