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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.

ADMINISTRATION

Main Street Bridge Update: Activity continues around the Main Street Bridge. Current and upcoming work includes 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.

ConVal has shared some [links](#) with us in efforts to ensure the general public stays informed about what's going on in the district during the pandemic. Topics include the effects of COVID-19 on the ConVal Budget and instructions on how to 'attend' School Board Meetings remotely.

TOWN CLERK

The NH DMV has extended the expiration date for all temporary plates issued at the end of February 2020 and thereafter until May 31st, 2020. Please call the Town Clerk's office at (603) 784-5605 to set up an appointment to register your new (or new-to-you) vehicle before the May 31st deadline.

Dogs must be licensed no later than May 29, 2020. Effective June 1st, late fees will accrue. If your dog needs to be revaccinated against rabies, contact your vet to schedule an appointment. Licensing can be done by mail, [online](#), or via the Town House drop box. If you would like the licenses mailed to you, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope. If you would prefer to pick up licenses, include your phone number and you will be notified when they are complete.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works is busy with seasonal hydrant [flushing](#), road patching and various infrastructure improvements.

We are very much looking forward to when the Town House reopens so all can see the great work that has been completed in the Upper Hall. Long-needed repairs have been made, the walls and ceilings are freshly painted, the stage has new curtains, and there are other improvements in the works!

DPW Director Seth MacLean extends his thanks to residents who have remained respectful and understanding of the modified Recycling Center [procedures](#).

If you notice something around town that needs attention, whether it be a broken street sign, clogged culvert, or unilluminated streetlight, please don't hesitate to let the DPW know: (603) 942-8000, ext 101.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Last Friday was Peter Throop's last day serving as the Director of OCD. He wished to share the following message:

I would like to express my gratitude for all the amazing citizens and volunteers who I have had the pleasure of serving. I also want to express my appreciation for all the incredible Town Staff members who are so dedicated and have been wonderful to work with. The town is so fortunate to have such a high caliber of staff and volunteers who work so hard to make Peterborough the special place that it is. I feel very fortunate to have been a part of the team. My warmest regards and thanks to all.

Thank you for your seven years of dedicated service, Pete!

LIBRARY

The Peterborough Town Library is setting up their temporary location at 1 Jaffrey Road in the Monadnock Plaza. The library will stay in this location for the duration of the library construction project. Check out their [latest newsletter for full information](#). The library continues to offer reference services by phone or email, [virtual programs](#), and an extensive [eLibrary](#).

RECREATION

The Recreation Department is working on an action plan to open Cunningham Pond, but there is much to work out as they need to consider how to open in accordance with CDC & State guidelines. The gates to Cunningham Pond parking lot are currently closed. Rec kindly asks for patience while they work to address the current challenges, and they will provide more information as details are confirmed.

FIRE & RESCUE/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

From Chief Ed Walker: We continue to be ready to respond not only to COVID-19 related cases but to our regular calls. Residents are reminded that burn permits, which must be obtained [online](#), are required for all outside fires.

As the State starts to move toward reopening, the Governor released the Stay at Home 2.0 Guidelines this past Friday. We are currently working with businesses to assist them in determining their occupant load and other requirements from the guidelines. If you are a business and have any questions please feel free to contact Lt. Scott Symonds at scott.symonds@firerescue.us for assistance. The complete guidelines can be found [here](#) and businesses who may need PPE to assist with their opening can find information [here](#).

Remember to call your primary care physician with any COVID-19 related symptoms or questions. Do not hesitate to call 9-1-1 for medical emergencies.

As mentioned last week, please continue to social distance when possible. If you cannot maintain social distance, please wear a [mask](#)!