Weekly Update – #06 02–07-20 newsletters@harrisonmaine.org

- Only 40 more days of winter!
- Town Office and Transfer Station closed on Monday, February 17th – for President’s Day holiday!

**Maine Fun Facts:**
The state has 17 million acres of forest and is the leading producer of toothpicks at around 100 million per day.

If you have town related business, or information on events you would like included in the update, please email the information to newsletters@harrisonmaine.org.

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**From the Desk of the Town Manager ~ Tim Pellerin**

- Be careful on the roads with the ice and snow. Watch out for snowplows give them plenty of room to work.

It is that time of year, with cold and snowstorms, Remember to check on Friends & Neighbors, especially the Elderly to make sure they are warm and well.

Remember the Food Bank is open on Tuesdays 1:30-6:30 pm.

If you have a concern, or question please call the office or stop by and meet with me.

**Stay Safe Around Snowplows**

- Give snowplows room to do their work. Plows are wide and can extend across the center line.
- Don't tailgate and don't pass unless absolutely necessary and safe to do so. If you must pass, beware of the snow cloud created by plows.
- Remember that the snowplow operators have a limited field of vision. Though you see the plow, our snow fighters might not see you. Keep your distance and always stay alert.

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**From the Town Clerk ~**

**PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY/REFERENDUM ELECTION**
The legislature has reinstated a primary election for the presidential race. It will be held on Tuesday March 3, 2020 from 7am – 8pm at the town office meeting room. Absentee ballots will be available beginning February 3, 2020. Ballots may ordered through the State online site at [http://www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl](http://www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl) or you may come into the office and complete a ballot in person.

Also on the ballot, will be a People’s Veto question - Do you want to reject the new law that removes religious and philosophical exemptions to requiring immunization against certain communicable diseases for students to attend schools and colleges and for employees of nursery schools and health care facilities?

**Absentee ballots** are now available for the March 3rd presidential primary. If you are in a party and wish to change, you must do it by February 14th to vote in the primary. If you are not registered to a party, you may register at any time. If you aren’t sure, please give the clerk’s office a call and we can help you.

The clerk’s office will be open on Thursday February 27th until 6:30 pm for anyone wishing to vote absentee. This is your last chance to vote absentee before Election Day. All election information may be found on our website.
Fire & Rescue Responses ~
- Emergency - 911 - Non-Emergency Sheriff Dept. - 893-2810

HARRISON FIRE/RESCUE CALL RESPONSES

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From the Transfer Station ~

2020 Transfer Station Stickers are now available.

SAND * SAND * SAND * SAND * SAND * SAND

It's that time of year to remind residents who need sand; you are limited to two 5 gallon pails of sand from the Transfer Station when they are open. This sand is for your walkways and steps. **DO NOT** fill your pick-up truck in order to sand your private road and driveway.

A reminder to please use care when entering the transfer station. Snow removal occurs even on non-snow days. Please give the equipment operators plenty of room and be sure they know you are there before proceeding around them.

From Public Works ~

WINTER PARKING BAN - Is in effect from November 15, 2019 to April 15, 2020

parking on all public streets, roads and parking lots is prohibited during snowstorms. Vehicles will be towed at owner’s expense. This is being done to facilitate the plowing of snow.

Sand is available at the transfer station. 2 five-gallon buckets are allowed per vehicle. No one is allowed to enter the public works facility to get sand. It is an insurance requirement, please take notice. There is some sand on the Carsley Rd side of Public Works by the fuel building. Only 2 five-gallon buckets are allowed per vehicle at a time.

**NOTICE**
DO NOT ENTER the Public Works/Town Garage facility.

From the Parks Dept.

Sorry due to warm temperatures during the day, the public skating rink will not open this season.
**Harrison Rec Dept** ~ For more information contact Kayla at 583-2241 or klaird@harrisonmaine.org

**On going 8 week program with Mad Science called Brixology!** Our Mad Science group met this past week and built carnival swings! This has been a great experience already and I look forward to see what else our scientist will create! We will be holding a spring Mad Science program so keep your eyes open for that!

**Adult Pickle Ball – Saturdays – 10:45am – 4pm** - At the Harrison Elementary School

**4th Annual Family Ice Fishing Derby** – Coming up on **February 23** from 7:00 – 3 pm. You can register online or at the Town Office. Contact Kayla for more information.

**Adult open gym basketball** will be starting on **Thursday nights 6:00 - 7:45 pm** at Harrison Elementary School. Lace up those sneakers and hit the court for some fun!

**No Senior Lunch** in March because having March Madness (Turkey Dinner) on Sunday, March 8th. $10 resident $12 nonresident.

**New Red Sox** trip set for **Saturday, May 2nd**. The Red Sox will be taking on the Rangers for a 1:05 pm start time. I will be posting more details this coming week and taking registrations so stay tuned! See Flyer at the end of the Update.

**Summer Rec registrations** for **residents only** is open. Registration are available online or at the Town Office. $100 deposit required when signing up. Please keep in mind registration will stay open until it is full. Field trips have been posted as well and please remember, your child will not be added to the list unless the trip has been paid for in full. I will have a full 8 week schedule out soon, we have added some great days of fun and adventure and I couldn’t be any more excited.

**Registrations for baseball, softball and t-ball** are now open! We will be scheduling open gym days for players to come in and start playing inside until we start our outdoor season. Registration is available online or at the Town Office. We are also looking for a coach for our T-ball team. Please contact Kayla if you are interested!

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**Harrison Village Library ~**

**HVL Kids: Art Wednesday**
Drop in anytime on Wednesdays (we’re open 1-7) and do the art project of the day!

**Story Time- Dates – EVERY Thursday – 10am**

**Saturday, March 7, 2:00 p.m.: Book Club**
This month’s selection: The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd.
Copies of the book are available for loan, and new members are always welcome!
Recurring Events ~

HARRISON FOOD BANK – Tuesdays – 1:30pm to 6:30pm
Located at the Ronald G. St. John VFW Post 9328 located at 176 Waterford Road in Harrison, mailing address: PO Box 112, Harrison, ME 04040 Telephone 207-647-3384

Upcoming Events ~

Lakeside Grange #63 is Collecting for Yard Sale. Please call Opal @ 595-0925 for Drop off time. Please No TV’s, mattresses, AC’s or copiers…We will take most anything else.

4th Annual Family Ice Fishing Derby – Coming up on February 23 from 7:00 – 3 pm See brochure at end of update.