Weekly Update – #08  02–21–20  newsletters@harrisonmaine.org

- Only 26 more days of winter!
- Spring Road Posting – March 1 through May 1

Maine Fun Facts:
Writers Steven King and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow were both born in Maine.

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.

From the Desk of the Town Manager ~ Tim Pellerin

- Happy School Vacation! Enjoy the rest of your week.
- Enjoy the nice weather this weekend.
- Join us for the Family Ice Fishing Derby this Sunday, Feb 23rd from 7:00 am - 3:00 pm

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.

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 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?

YES vote rejects the new law and maintains religious and philosophical exemptions to immunization requirements.

NO vote approves the new law, which removes religious and philosophical exemptions to immunization requirements.
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.

**Nomination Papers** – Will be available beginning Monday March 2nd for the June 9th municipal election. Open positions include 2 Selectmen, 1 Planning Board, 1 Appeals Board. Nomination papers are due back to the Clerk’s Office by 4:30 pm, April 10th.

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**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 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.

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**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.

**Spring Road Posting – March 1 through May 1**

Road crews start posting March 1 but they will remove the posting as soon as the roads can handle the weight. Depending on the year it can be removed before May 1.

**NOTICE**

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

This Weekend 4th Annual Family Ice Fishing Derby – Coming up on February 23 from 7:00 am – 3:00 pm. 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 on Sunday, March 8th - $10 resident $12 nonresident.

Boston 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!

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

HVL Kids: After School Book Club Begins Monday, February 24
Ernie Fitzmorris will return to host the popular After School Book Club, which will meet Monday afternoons from 3:30-4:30. The club will begin February 24 with the book Pax by Sara Pennypacker. This group is open to children in grades 5 & 6. Copies of the books will be provided to all members who register by February 20. To register, please call or stop by the library. We’ll need the child’s name as well as the name & phone number of a parent or caregiver.
*Note for parents of children at HES: last year, kids were able to take the bus to the library; check with the school to see if this can still be done. Questions? Give us a call at 583-2970
HVL Kids: “The Survivors” Book Club Begins Thursday, March 5
This club will meet monthly on the first Thursday, from 3:30-4:30 and from March-June, to discuss the first 4 books of The Survivors series by Erin Hunter. We have a young volunteer, eager to meet other fans of the series, to lead this group, which is open to children in grades 4 through 6. Copies of the books will be provided to all members who register by February 20. To register, please call or stop by the library. We'll need the child's name as well as the name & phone number of a parent or caregiver. *Note for parents of children at HES: last year, kids were able to take the bus to the library; check with the school to see if this can still be done. Questions? Give us a call at 583-2970

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.

This weekend
4th Annual Family Ice Fishing Derby – Coming up on February 23 from 7:00 am – 3:00 pm See brochure at end of update.
4TH ANNUAL FAMILY ICE FISHING DERBY

February 23, 2020 7:00-3pm

Ages 1-15 $10
Ages 16+ $15

Age Groups
1-5 years old
6-11 years old
12-15 years old
16+

Species of Fish
Trout, Brook, Splake
Brown, Togue,
Salmon,
White perch, Bass,
Pike and Cusk

Top 3 fish in each division will be awarded a prize! You must be registered for the derby to win.

Register online or at the Harrison Town Office. Registration the day of the derby until 9am.

BOSTON RED SOX TRIP
Saturday, May 2nd @ 1:05

Join Harrison and Bridgton Recreation on a trip to Fenway Park to watch the Red Sox take on the Texas Rangers!

Pick Up: 9:00 @ Harrison Town Office
Harrison/Bridgton residents- $85
Non-residents-$90
This covers ticket and transportation.

A $20 deposit is due at the time of sign up. Refunds will not be given after April 20th.

To sign up please contact Kayla Laird or Gary Colello. SEATS ARE LIMITED!

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