Weekly Update – #09 02–28–20 newsletters@harrisonmaine.org

- **Town Office closed on Tuesday March 3, 2020 for Voting.**
- Only 19 days until Spring!
- Spring Road Posting – March 1 through May 1
- Select Board meeting **changed** from March 12<sup>th</sup> to March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm

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**Maine Fun Facts:**
Acadia National Park is the second most visited National Park in the United States.

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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**

- The Select Board meeting is changed from March 12<sup>th</sup> to Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 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 ~

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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.

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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You can only renew your registration in person or on-line. Please be sure to use official websites to register on-line. You can get to it by the town website www.harrisonmaine.org which will bring you to the state renewal website- https://www1.maine.gov/online/bmv/rapid-renewal/

Central Maine Power (CMP) hired contractors to cut trees/brush on rights-of-ways. The same rights-of-way will selectively be treated with herbicides. See letter at end of update to see how to request a Landowner’s Maintenance Agreement with CMP.

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.

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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.

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

This past Sunday we held our 4th Annual Family Ice Fishing Derby at Long Lake. We had gorgeous weather, lots of fish and tons of smiles! It made my heart so happy to see so many families out together and making memories. We got to see some kiddos catch their very first fish on their own traps, their excitement and expressions were priceless. I am very thankful for our sponsors (I have listed them all at the end) and volunteers. Josh Laird, Brittany Latsey, Katherine Vincent, Brad Vincent, Doug Ross, Brian Nile and Maryalice Nile.

**THANK YOU DERBY SPONSORS**

Dyer Septic, Laird’s Family Tire & Service, Northeast Bank, Western Maine Fish & Game, Heritage Traps Set Connectors, Jeff’s Bait & Tackle, Traps for Kids, Dag’s Bait & Sportgoods, Dick’s Sporting, Goods Trees to Timbers, Unc’L Lunkers, Norway Savings Bank, Henry’s Concrete Construction, Sebago Bait, R.W. Merrill Electrical Contractor, Shawnee Peak, Harrison Youth Boosters, Hannaford, Rob Bulla
Mad Science called Brixology! This week at Mad Science kids worked on motorized cars! Some got quite the laugh when their motors were so strong that it blew their Lego pieces apart! We have 4 more weeks left with our Brixology program and we are working on setting up a spring program so stay tuned for more information!

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

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!

March Madness is coming up! Save the date for Sunday, March 8th at the Fire Station. Doors open at 11:00 and we will serve lunch at 12:00. Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, squash, rolls and assorted desserts! We will have fun games and 10 rounds of BINGO! $10 for residents and $12 nonresidents. Stop in at the Town Office or contact Kayla to register.

**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!

*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 in children in grades 5 & 6. Copies of the books will be provided to all members. 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. 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.
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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.

The Oxford Hills Father Daughter Dance is next Friday, March 6th at the High School from 6-8pm. $5 per person. This is for Oxford Hills students’ Pre-k through 6th grade!

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Harrison Lions Club is sponsoring a BLOOD DRIVE ~
Monday, March 16th – 1:00pm – 6:00 pm at the Harrison Community United Parish Congregational Church of Harrison & N. Bridgton.
Please call 1-800-RED-CROS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter HarrisonME to schedule an appointment.
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!

blaird@harrisonmaine.org  gcolello@bridgtonmaine.org
207-583-2241  207-647-1126
Register @harrisonmaine.org  Register @bridgtonmaine.org

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CENTRAL MAINE POWER
In A'HOLDEN Company

January 14, 2020
TOWN CLERK
TOWN OF HARRISON
PO BOX 300
HARRISON, ME 04040

Dear Town Clerk:

We work year-round to reduce tree-related outages and deliver the reliable service you depend on. As an important part of our Tree Care program to prevent outages along transmission lines, in 2020, our qualified contractors may be conducting tree work in your community.

The objective is to remove and discourage the growth of trees and to encourage the growth of grasses, ferns and bushes around power lines which traverse the countryside away from highways. We use a very limited amount of federally approved herbicides to prevent growth. All herbicides are applied by hand, directly to the individual tree we need to control, using hand-clothed backpacks. Additionally, when trees are removed, herbicides are applied directly to the top of the freshly cut stumps to prevent resprouting.

After the snow melts, contractors will be cutting brush over 8-feet tall and treating the stumps with an herbicide on transmission rights-of-way. These same rights-of-way will be selectively treated with herbicides during the growing season.

Landowners who object to the use of herbicides on transmission corridors next to their property may request a Landowner’s Maintenance Agreement with CMP. The landowner must agree to maintain these areas to the company’s specifications. Landowner Agreement forms or additional information may be obtained by writing to CMP Vegetation Management, 83 Edison Drive, Augusta, ME 04330 or by calling Nicholas Hahn at 207-623-2304.

Notifying municipalities of our plans well in advance will give your municipal officials an opportunity to be better prepared to either respond to questions from your community members, or if you prefer, you may direct any inquiries about our Tree Care program to my attention. We appreciate the opportunity to deliver reliable service to our customers in your community.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Quinn
Manager, Vegetation Management