Happy Spring! Almost April.
Reminder of Spring Road Posting – March 1 through May 1
Town Buildings closed to the Public.

In consideration of the safety of the vulnerable populations within our community, we encourage people to use on-line services for renewal of registrations (car, trailer, boat, ATV), pay taxes, get fishing licenses, etc. links can be found through our town website [www.harrisonmaine.org](http://www.harrisonmaine.org).

Stay strong Friendly Village, take care of yourself, wash your hands and stay home! We will be putting this all behind us before we know it. (borrowed from Kayla)

**Maine Fun Facts:**

**Famous People from Maine:** Patrick Dempsey - Actor

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**

- In consideration of the safety of the vulnerable populations within our community, effective on March 17, 2020 we closed all town buildings to the public. This includes meetings and social visits until April 1st when we will reassess. This is for the safety and protection of our employees and the public. Thank You for your patience and cooperation.

- We are monitoring the situation daily and are in Contact with Maine CDC and Maine Emergency Management Agency for daily updates and guidance. As this disaster progresses, know that we are monitoring the conditions and will put out the information as accurately and quickly as we get it. It is important for all of you to remain calm and not panic and follow State and Federal guidelines for safety.

- Please take a moment and be sure to check on your neighbors and friends and watch out for each other. If you know someone who needs help or are not sure how to help them, please call us for guidance and/or assistance. If you have any questions or concerns please contact us.

- Let’s all be respectful and courteous to each other. Things will get better. Please stay safe.

Thank you for your continued support and have a good weekend.

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**Federal Safety Guidelines:**

Listen to and follow the directions of your STATE and LOCAL Authorities.

**IF YOU FEEL SICK** stay home. Do not go to work. Contact your medical provider.
IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE SICK, keep them at home. Do not send them to school. Contact your medical provider.

IF SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS TESTED POSITIVE for the coronavirus, keep the entire household. Do not go to work. Do not go to schools. Contact your medical provider.

IF YOU ARE AN OLDER PERSON, stay home and away from other people.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A SERIOUS UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITION that can put you at increased risk (for example, a condition that impairs your lung or heart function or weakens your immune system), stay home and away from other people.

From the Town Clerk ~

In the past, Harrison has held a bifurcated Town Meeting. This means we hold secret ballot elections for elected positions on the 2nd Tuesday of June and Town Meeting on the following Wednesday. Over the last decade or so, the Board of Selectmen has put ordinances and major questions (like the road bond in 2016) on the ballot because a larger number of people were attending the voting place as opposed to attending town meeting.

Last year, voters agreed to move the Wednesday night Town Meeting to the ballot so all warrant articles will be voted on June 9, 2020 at the polls. The polls will be open from 7am – 8pm in the meeting room at the town office.

Also, be aware the annual town meeting will be by secret ballot. This means you can order an absentee ballot instead of coming to the polling place. This may become very helpful in the months ahead with more and more people being required to stay at home and not congregate.

The past few years have seen an increase in requests to vote absentee for the Town Meeting portion of the warrant. By moving to a secret ballot, we can now offer absentee voting for all the business questions the legislative body (registered voters) has a decision in making. Voters will be able to order or pick up a ballot from the clerk’s office and take it home to complete. (Absentees are available 30 days prior to the election.)

Just a reminder – Just about everything you normally come into the clerk’s office to do can be done online. The link to Online Payments on our website will allow you to pay taxes, register cars, boats, ATV’s and more. You can even order vital records. Not sure, give us a call and we can help you over the phone. Please understand we have limited staff in the office at one time to protect ourselves and our families. You may need to leave a message. Someone will get back to you.

MEETINGS ARE GOING VIRTUAL
Due to the State of Emergency we are currently in, the Legislature has provided allowances for official meetings to continue through phone and virtual means. We will be using the program Go To Meeting. This will provide us with an audio recording to be listened to later as well as a transcript of the meeting. These will be posted on our website like we post other audio and minutes so anyone can listen or read them at a later time. If you wish to attend a meeting while the meeting is happening, the log in information will be located on our website. You can log in through a computer or a smartphone.

Nomination Papers – Are still available please email the clerk at mstjohn@harrisonmaine.org to get your nomination papers. Open positions include 2 Selectmen, 1 Planning Board, 1 Appeals Board. Nomination papers are due back to the Clerk’s Office by 4:00 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 ~

We will be trying to increase our percentage of recycling with your help as one of our goals for the upcoming year. Spring weather is not far away and I am looking to spruce up some areas on town property. I am looking for perennial plants and shrubs anyone would like to donate. Spring is a good time to divide many plants and if anyone has some extras they would be willing to share please stop by the transfer station and let me know or email me at transferst@harrisonmaine.org. Spread the word!!!

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.

Spring Road Posting – March 1 through May 1
Road crews start posting March 1st 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

It sure has been a very different week with the constant changes we are experiencing with the COVID-19. A reminder that the Town Office is closed to the public and are running on limited staff. We urge you to go online.

A reminder that all Rec activities are cancelled at this time; open gym, pickleball, Senior Lunches, baseball/softball practices and Mad Science.

During this difficult and scary time for families, there have been many online opportunities to help kids to stay active! Anyone that uses BeachBody on Demand, they have unlocked all children workouts! Disney has videos of several rides that kiddos can watch and pretend as though they are on the ride themselves. Many gyms and workout classes have turned to free live streaming workouts!

Let’s not forget our great outdoors! We’ve have some rainy days but try to get outside and enjoy the sunshine when we have it Vitamin D does the body SO good! Go for a walk or run. Let the kids ride their bikes or how about a scavenger hunt! If you have some creative and fun ideas share them on our Harrison Rec Facebook page! Let’s stay connected and stay positive! We can do this!
We will still be accepting registrations online for spring sports and Spring session of Mad Science. Click the link below for online registration.
https://campscui.active.com/orgs/HarrisonMaineRecreation?orglink=camps-registration

We will also be welcoming back Team Long Run for another season of Run Club once we are cleared for activities. For now, here is an outdoor video that is great for kiddos that need to get out some energy and get fresh air! Thank you Team Long Run for making these videos especially in this time of need!  https://www.videos.teamlongrun.org

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Thank you for your understanding and we are anxious to be back to regular activities in the near future!

Parks Dept. ~ Starting Spring cleanup. We would like to thank the following individuals who helped clean up the plastic put down for the ice rink: Thanks to Allan Denison, Maurice Kautz, Duncan McPhee, Tom Thomas.

Harrison Village Library ~

The Harrison Village Library is closed to the public until at least April 1. In keeping with recommendations from the Maine State Library, we will not be offering any in-person services, aka "curbside pickup", at this time. Please keep your borrowed materials at home until the library reopens, and please do not donate any books to the library while we are closed. Downloadable books and audiobooks are available through the CloudLibrary; if you have an HVL account, please contact us for more information on how to use this service. All residents of Cumberland County are eligible for a temporary Portland Public Library e-card, which will grant access to their online resources; please email lending@portlib.org to get started. Email is the best way to contact us, or you can call and leave a voicemail: 583-2970 or kkramer@harrison.lib.me.us. Please view our Facebook page, the calendar on our website (www.harrison.lib.me.us) for the most up-to-date information.

Recurring Events ~
HARRISON FOOD BANK – Tuesdays – 1:30pm to 6:30pm
Located at the Harrison Food Bank, Ronald G. St. John Community Center located at 176 Waterford Road in Harrison, mailing address: PO Box 112, Harrison, ME 04040 Telephone 207-647-3384

Upcoming Events ~

Lakeside Grange #63 Yard Sale is cancelled until further notice.

Harrison Earth Day Community Clean Up ~ Saturday, April 25th 10 am – Noon w/lunch after! At the Fire Station. See Flyer at end of update.
Coronavirus Update
All Town Buildings are closed to the public until further notice

The following notice was posted March 13, 2020: The Town of Harrison, municipal offices also including Harrison Fire Station, are closed to the public during the emergency declared by the Governor of Maine due to COVID-19. Town Hall and the Fire Station are subject to change.

1. The Town Office will be staffed and providing services. We understand that, before coming to Town Hall, you may wish to call ahead to ensure there is someone available to assist you.
2. In an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and to reduce the opportunity for exposure to the virus, this notice is posted to inform the public of the procedures being put into place. We are not closed to providing services; we are changing the way we provide services to the public.
3. All social and community events are suspended until further notice. Our fire stations and community centers will remain open for normal services and activities.

COVID-19 - Facts About Coronavirus Disease 2019 (2019-nCoV) and Why it may be spread of harm.

1. Under current public health guidelines, there is no need for the general public to wear masks or face coverings.
2. Many of our operations, including leisure and recreation, will remain open for business. We encourage you to continue to follow the recommendations of the Maine Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Share Facts About COVID-19

1. It is important to understand the role of the virus in order to prevent its spread. The virus is spread mainly through airborne droplets from coughing or sneezing.
2. The virus can be spread through contact with infected surfaces or objects. This is often referred to as "contact tracing." If you or someone you know has had close contact with an infected person, you should self-monitor for symptoms and notify your health care provider if you experience any symptoms of COVID-19.
3. It is recommended that anyone who has been exposed to the virus be monitored for symptoms and take appropriate precautions to prevent further transmission.

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 Coello. SEATS ARE LIMITED!