Hope is not cancelled…we will get through this: be strong and stay healthy.

- Roads are no longer posted.
- Town Buildings are closed.
- Transfer Station is still open with regular hours but please observe social distancing and do not enter the buildings.
- Scholarship Applications are due by May 1, 2020. You can get them on our website. (Remember they may require extra postage when mailing them, you may also drop them off at the Town Office in the drop box in front.)

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.

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.

Maine Fun Facts: Maine State Animal: The Moose - Maine has more Moose per mile than any other state, over 75,000 moose, second only to Alaska.

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

- In consideration of the safety of the vulnerable populations within our community and due to the Governor’s and CDC stay at home order, the town buildings are still closed. You can still conduct business on-line. The Transfer Station is still open regular hours. Thank You for your patience and cooperation.

- We are monitoring the situation daily and are in Contact with the Governor’s office, the Maine CDC & Maine Emergency Management Agency for guidance on how to proceed as we are preparing to re-open in the near future (we don’t have an exact date yet). We will be making some changes to keep both the public and employees as safe as possible. It is important for all of you to remain calm, not panic and follow State & Federal guidelines.

- 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. We know that these are uncertain times and 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. We will get through this as a Town and a family.

Town Municipal Budget: Information
I want to let you know that we have frozen the operating budget for the remainder of the year. I would also like to update you on the Municipal Budget as of right now. Before this epidemic really hit we had an increase of 4% on the budget, but due to these uncertain times and by making changes to our warrant we have brought the Town's portion down to a 0% increase for the Town's Municipal Budget. Any tax increase will come from the School budget increase. I am uncertain at this time what the school budget will be and have expressed my
concerns to our school board representatives and to the Superintendent about a small increase (the Superintendent is still talking 5-10% increase). Our school Board Representatives have made their voices heard, but we will need your support when it comes time to vote on the School Budget. This means that any increase in taxes will be coming from the School Budget.

The Town Meeting has been changed to **July 14, 2020**. It is by secret ballot voting from 8 am to 8 pm. Please consider getting Absentee Ballots.

- **We are having a problem with dog owners allowing their pets to defecate on Main Street and in Crystal Lake Park.** Please be respectful and clean up after your pets. We will be enforcing this with fines up to $250 according to our Dog Ordinance (see on-line). We do not want to have install cameras and/or have to close the park to dogs so please pick up after your pets. Thank you.

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 home. 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.

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**From the Town Clerk ~**

The Town Office is on limited staff and providing services as possible. We understand that business needs to be conducted and the best way to reach us is through email. Our emails can be located here. Many of the transactions can be done online at www.harrisonmaine.org. In the right corner is a link to Online Payments. Car registrations - if it is a new vehicle purchased from a dealer, keep your temporary plates. You have 30 days from the time the state of emergency has been lifted to get it registered. If it is a private sale please email the clerk here. Boat registrations can be done online. If you have a new boat please email me. 2019 sticker expiration has been extended until the end of April 2020 if you can't do it online.

Property Tax payments can be placed in the drop box located in the front of the Town Office or paid online.

If you must speak with someone you may call the office and leave a message, someone will return your call within 48 hours.

Town meeting and elections have been postponed until July 14th.

**VOTE HEALTHY – VOTE ABSENTEE!**

* This is the first-year town meeting is by secret ballot. There are 31 questions plus candidate seats to vote on. This can take time. Voting from the comfort of your recliner, on your schedule, lets you take as long as you need.

* There will also be a school ballot, a State candidate ballot and a referendum ballot.
* For your safety and the safety of all the election workers you can still vote and have your vote count with no health worries.

* It's easy to receive an absentee ballot. Order online here or call the town office at 583-2241 ext. 2 or 6 and we will mail the ballot 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 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.

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**Fire & Rescue Responses ~**

**HARRISON FIRE/RESCUE CALL RESPONSES**

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**From the Transfer Station ~**

We are no longer accepting Cash at the Transfer Station...You may use a check or credit cards only. Please do not enter the buildings and practice social distancing.

The **Transfer Station is still open** with regular hours at this time but please observe social distancing and do not enter the buildings. This is for the safety and protection of our employees and the public.

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!!!!

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**From Public Works ~**

Roads are no longer posted. **NOTICE** DO NOT ENTER the Public Works/Town Garage facility.

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**Harrison Rec Dept~** For more information contact Kayla at 583-2241 or klaird@harrisonmaine.org

At this time, we are still taking registrations for Summer Rec however, we will not be taking in any payments. As of now, we are still hopeful that we will be able to have Summer Rec even if it is a shortened season for us. I assure you any decisions made will be with the most up to date reliable information and with the greatest
degree of the public’s safety in mind. We are monitoring the situation each day and making adjustments where needed to keep everyone safe.

Baseball/softball/tball: At this time, the season is still on hold. The league that we participate in has not cancelled the season and again are hopeful that we can get in a shortened season or play further into the summer if parents/players are willing. As soon as we receive any updates we will share them with you.

A reminder that if you are going to the park and using any playground equipment that you know that we are not sanitizing or cleaning that area. If you have been sick or showing any symptoms of illness please stay home and off any equipment.

It was great seeing so many pictures of families out cleaning the trash off of our roads! Though we weren’t able to have our Annual Earth Day Clean up with AM Enterprises, may set out to clean our Friendly Village! We are so fortunate to live in a beautiful area with residents that care! Well done!

I have also been posting links to family activities on our Harrison Recreation Facebook page. Feel free to check them out and share your experience with us! I have seen many out walking, running, hiking, fishing a more! Though these times have been difficult it has been wonderful seeing individuals and families enjoying our great outdoors.

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.

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

Harrison Village Library ~

The Harrison Village Library is closed to the public until further notice. Please keep your borrowed materials at home until the library reopens, and please do not donate any books at this time. For more information on electronic resources available during our closure, please visit our website at www.harrison.lib.me.us Follow us on Facebook or Instagram for virtual activities and the most recent updates, and for questions, please email Kathleen at kkramer@harrison.lib.me.us

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.

Historical Society - The potluck dinner and Show and Tell program at the Historical Society Farmhouse on Wednesday evening, May 6, 2020 has been cancelled.

Scholarship Applications are due by May 1, 2020. You can get them on our website. (Remember they require extra postage when mailing them. You may also drop them off at the Town Office in drop box in front of the building.)