Hope & Kindness are not cancelled…be strong and stay healthy.

- Thank you to our Peace Officers and Police Officers.
- Town Buildings will be opening to the public on Monday, May 18, 2020 with social distancing and other changes.
- Town Office and Transfer Station Closed on Mon, May 25, 2020 for Memorial Day holiday!

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: Geographically Maine is bigger than the other five New England States combined.

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

Dear Citizens:
Welcome back! We will be opening for business on Monday, May 18, 2020 after being closed since mid-March! As we re-open in these unprecedented times, we are opening with some new changes:

1. The Public Entrance will now be the Meeting room door and the exit is the old entrance.

   Maintain Social Distancing until a position at the counter opens. Please have all paperwork that is required for transactions (see Town Clerk Section and website to be sure).

   Notice there is plexi-glass up in the clerk’s office to protect clerks. The clerks are also be using baskets to handle paperwork.

2. Masks or face coverings are required to protect employees. If you cannot wear a face-covering or mask you will have to call and we will schedule an appointed time to do your transactions.

3. Code Enforcement business (permits/inspections) will be done by appointment. They will be conducting business in the meeting room at a designated table not in the Administrative Offices and only by appointment. If you do not make an appointment and wait in line they will do their best to accommodate you but they could be on an inspection or on the phone or otherwise unable to help at that exact moment.

4. We will be asking you to sign-in with your Name, phone number and time in the event that someone becomes ill and we need to do social tracing.

5. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 am to 10:00 am we are reserving for citizens that are 65 or older. Please allow our vulnerable citizens this time to complete their transactions.

6. We will be closing on Friday afternoons at noon for cleaning, paperwork and reports. Monday through Thursday hours are 8:00 pm to 4:00 pm and Friday 8:00 am to noon.
Last but not least, as we begin to open with this process and to serve you, we ask you for your patience and to respect our policies for the safety of other citizens and our employees. We expect it to be quite busy when we first open so if you call and are unable to get through please know that we are doing our best and will return calls as quickly as possible.

If you have any questions, concerns or problems please contact us.

- 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.

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 to install cameras and/or have to close the park to dogs so please pick up after your pets. Thank you.

- **We are aware that some people are having trouble with our online Mooring Application** and we are working to correct the problem. We find if you save it to your computer before attaching it to email it works better. You can also call the Harbor Master, Gary Pagel.

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

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From the Town Clerk ~

The Town of Harrison will be opening to the public, for regular business hours, on May 18th. We are going to look a little different. Please be advised when we do open, we will be using the **meeting room door** as our entrance for the public. **This is not the door most are used to using so please pay attention to signage.** We ask everyone to please follow the markings on the floor to safeguard safe distancing for everyone and to wear a face covering when entering the building. If you cannot wear a mask due to a health condition, please call us at 583-2241 ext. 2 and we will make arrangements with you.

We expect the clerk’s office will be very busy when we open. Please make sure you have all the required paperwork with you to do your business.

- **Car registrations need proof of insurance and mileage.** We will not be able to call your insurance company and get that information for you, please plan ahead.
- **Anything new to you requires a bill of sale, title, proof of insurance, and mileage.**
- **New from dealer requires bill of sale, window sticker, blue title application, proof of insurance, & mileage.**
- For a complete list of what you need for most registrations, please go to our website and look under the Announcement section for **Re-opening the town office and what you need to know.**

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** The Clerk’s office will close on Friday afternoons at noon for cleaning and reporting.

**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.

Please stay tuned to the newsletter for updates and/or visit our website for updates as we have them. We are working hard to keep our information on our website current and keep you up to date on what is happening here in Harrison.

THE CODE OFFICE
Anyone needing assistance from the code or assessing office is required to call and set up an appointment. The number is 583-0923. If you don’t have an appointment you will need to wait in line to reach the clerk’s counter in order to get assistance and a code officer may not be available.

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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 ~**

Transfer Station will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2020 for the Memorial Day Holiday.

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](mailto:transferst@harrisonmaine.org). Spread the word!!!!

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**Harrison Rec Dept ~** For more information contact Kayla at 583-2241 or [klaird@harrisonmaine.org](mailto:klaird@harrisonmaine.org)

We are still taking registrations for Summer Rec. We have cancelled all field trips for the summer. Though field trips are cancelled, we will still have Rec on those days. We plan to make Tuesday’s a little extra special as we know how fun field trips are. We are working on completing refunds for those that signed up for field trips. You
can also apply your field trips funds to your balance or account balance. Please email me privately to let me know how you would like your payments taken care of. If we get approval from the state to move forward with Summer Rec, our first day will be June 22nd. We will keep everyone updated on the official opening day.

I have been in contact with our baseball and softball leagues. At this point they are still pushing forward with a shortened season starting in June. Though this is very exciting news, understand that there will be restrictions to ensure that we are following all guidelines from the CDC especially with social distancing and no more than 50 people at an event. As a league we are working out guidelines in how to ensure we don’t go over 50 people. For example, at some fields, parents may have to watch from their cars, thankfully our complexes are quite large and will be a bit easier to space families and fans out during games. There will also be no sharing of equipment such as helmets, gloves, batting gloves etc. Many players have their own equipment but for those that don’t, they will be assigned equipment for the season which will then need to be returned when the season has finished.

I have been asked about Adult Softball nights at Crystal Lake Park. Right now we are waiting for phase 2 which will allow more people (50 or less). We hope to continue this fun weekly event and will keep everyone updated.

RADR gates are open for those that enjoy walking the around the fields or just taking in the gorgeous views!

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.

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.
Re-Opening Procedure (Opening May 18, 2020)

Public
- All public are to wear masks or face covering in the building until further notice.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00 am to 10:00 am will be reserved for our Citizens over 65 only.
- We will follow social distancing for all employee to employee and employee to public interactions including site visits and Code Enforcement inspections.
- Public entrance will now be located at the meeting room entrance. The main entrance will now become the public exit and employee only entrance. We are installing social distancing markers on the floor of the meeting room – Allowing only 6 customers in line at a time. (Facial coverings required for service.)
- No public will be allowed into Administrative office space without permission from the Town Manager.
- All public will sign in and be given a call notice card upon entering building for service.

Code Enforcement/Assessing:
- All business for Code Enforcement/Assessing will be either by Phone or by Appointment Only.