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

- Just a reminder - we do have a Fireworks Ordinance. There are **NO fireworks allowed** in Harrison.
- The Town Office only will close at **1:00 pm on Tuesday, June 30, 2020**
- The Town Office will be closed on **Friday, July 3, 2020** for the Independence Day Holiday!
- The Transfer Station will be closed on **Saturday, July 4, 2020** for Independence Day Holiday!
- **Tuesday and Thursdays 8:00 am to 10:00 am** we are serving citizens that are 65 or older. Please allow our vulnerable citizens this time to complete their transactions.

- **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.

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).

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**Maine Fun Facts**: Maine is rich in gems - among the biggest zinc and copper deposits in the country plus tourmaline, amethyst, topaz and garnet.

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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**

**Brain Teaser of the Week:**
You are walking across a bridge and see a boat load of people but there is not a single person on it. Why?

Last week: A man pushes his car to a hotel and tells the owner that he is bankrupt. Why?

Answer: You are playing Monopoly.

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Dear Citizens:
It is turning out to be a busy summer with nice weather so far! **It is quite dry so be careful with campfires etc.** Burn permits are available online, depending on conditions (after 5 pm during the week).

Things look a little different as businesses start to reopen for customers. Thank you for being patient and we ask that you are respectful of their policies for the safety of other citizens and their employees.

As a reminder, we have a Fireworks Ordinance; There are No fireworks allowed in Harrison. It is a $250.00 fine for a first offense.

Crystal Lake Park and Beach open. Please use CDC guidelines and social distancing. Keep safe.

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The Town Office will be closed on Friday, **July 3, 2020** for Independence Day Holiday. The Transfer Station will be closed on **Saturday, July 4th** for Independence Day.
The Town Meeting has been changed to **July 14, 2020**. It is by secret ballot voting from 8 am to 8 pm. As in the Town Clerk’s section there are a lot of questions and ballots so why not take your time at home and consider getting [Absentee Ballots](#).

Select Board Meeting changed to Thursday, **July 16, 2020** at 6 pm.

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

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**Quote of the Week:**

Who said this quote?

“The Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.”

Last week: **Winston Churchill** said “We Make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”

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**From the Town Clerk ~**

**RABIES ALERT**

A reminder to all that rabid animals can travel a distance so please pay extra attention to children and pets. DO NOT EVER approach a wild animal for any reason and be especially mindful that wild animal infected with rabies may attack for no apparent reason. It is a symptom of the disease and we all just need to be aware of our surroundings.

**ELECTION UPDATE:**

July 14th is election day. Show you care about your friends and neighbors working to support your right to vote by wearing a face covering. If you don’t want to wear a covering for whatever reason, please vote absentee. A little kindness can go a long way during these trying times.

Speaking of absentee ballots…. **VOTE HEALTHY – VOTE ABSENTEE!**

**All requests for absentee ballots have been filled and mailed.** I have heard from several people they haven’t received their ballots yet but others in the household have. If you don’t get your ballots this week, please give us a call on Monday and we will work through getting ballots to you. The mail is moving slow and sometimes it is taking the scenic route so please if you are mailing your ballots back, don’t wait until the last minute to mail them. We have a drop box outside what is currently the exit door. Feel free to stop by and drop them in so you don’t have to come inside.

If you would like to receive an absentee ballot, you can [Order online here](#) or call the town office at 583-2241 ext. 2 and we will mail the ballots to you.

Need help understanding some of the questions on the municipal ballot? The [Town Meeting Ballot Guide](#) is available at the town office or on our website to help answer any questions you may have. Please take some time to look at the website, I have put everything for the election I could think of including sample ballots for everything (municipal, school and state) that will be voted on July 14th.

Go to [www.harrisonmaine.org](http://www.harrisonmaine.org) and follow the link under Announcements to Election Information.

**LATE HOURS TO ABSENTEE VOTE OR REGISTER TO VOTE**

Thursday July 9th, the Clerk’s office will be open from 4pm – 6:30pm for absentee voting and for anyone wishing to register to vote.
Fire & Rescue Responses ~
Burning Permits for the Town of Harrison can now be obtained online for free at: www.wardensreport.com This site is accessible either by PC or smart phone.

Permit Hours:
Week Days: 5pm - midnight
Weekends: 9:30am - midnight

Paper permits will no longer be available at the Town Office.

- Emergency - 911 - Non-Emergency Sheriff Dept. - 893-2810

HARRISON FIRE/RESCUE CALL RESPONSES

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

Transfer Station will be closed on Saturday, July 4, 2020 for Independence Day Holiday!

We can only dispose of illegal fireworks if they have been soaked in water for 24 hours.

Harrison Rec Dept~ For more information contact Kayla at 583-2241 or klaird@harrisonmaine.org
Summer Rec will start June 22th with special precautions in place. See important info at end of update.

The extra two weeks of Rec has been a great success! We had small groups which was a great start for adjusting to all the new changes. Our equipment is the cleanest it has ever been! Both staff and campers have done a phenomenal job with following our new rules and guidelines. A reminder for our parents that if there is inclement weather, we will not have Rec that day.

Softball and Baseball have started up and games will be starting next week! Our fields will be busy but will sure be great to see games being played!

Adult softball is playing Friday nights at Crystal Lake starting 6pm!

Harrison Village Library ~
The Harrison Village Library is now open by appointment. 15 minute blocks will be available to one person or one household—up to 5 members—at a time. Curb service will still be available for anyone who wishes it, or for anyone unable to wear a mask. We will be open our regular hours: Monday 1-7, Wednesday 1-7, Thursday 11-5, Saturday 10-2. Please call or email for more information, or to make an appointment to come in or pick up your materials curbside.
While we hope to be able to continue providing this service uninterrupted, public health directives and the health of our staff may cause last-minute changes. We encourage everyone to familiarize yourself with our online catalog, always available at koha.harrison.lib.me.us. The “Lists” function at the top of the page, above the search bar, allows you to browse new books (recent acquisitions are listed by month) or books on a particular theme or subject. Using the search bar, you can search by title, author, or keyword, and you do not need to be logged in to explore the catalog. We can also offer downloadable books or audiobooks through the CloudLibrary. We are happy to help you learn how to use the catalog, download a book, or just suggest titles you may like.

As a reminder, all library materials currently on loan are now due back to us. Please use the book drop when returning your items, and be aware that as a safety precaution, we quarantine all returns for 72 hours before checking them back in.

Recurring Events ~

HARRISON FOOD BANK – Tuesdays – 12:00pm to 6:00pm
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 Historical Society - The program on the First Settlers on July 15th has been cancelled. The Barn Sale scheduled for late July or early August has been cancelled. The Museum on Haskell Hill Road normally open on Wednesday afternoons during July and August will not be open, however it will open by appointment most anytime. Please call Gerry Smith 583-2213.