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

- Harrison Lions Club Pancake Breakfast **August 2nd** (see flyer at end of newsletter)
- Full Moon on **August 3rd**, is called Sturgeon Moon or Green Corn Moon.
- Maine Bureau of Agriculture warns of unsolicited packages of seeds from China *Do not plant them and report it to Division of Animal and Plant Health* (see more of press release at end of newsletter).
- **Found on Tolman Rd**: A small girl’s bike. Call Town Office.
- **Assessors meeting** to set Mil Rate for property taxes will be on Thursday, **August 6th at 6:00 pm**. Tax Bills will be sent out within a week after meeting.

- **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**: Author Steven King, famous US horror story writer, is a resident of Bangor

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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:**
What can be stolen, mistaken, or altered, yet never leaves you your entire life?

Last week: What can be swallowed, but can also swallow you? Answer: Pride

**Dear Citizens:**
What beautiful weather we are having today. Another busy summer week. Hope you will be able to get out and enjoy the weather and outdoors this weekend.

Here are a few things that happened this week: Our new Deputy is making the rounds and patrolling our streets. We are addressing various runoff/wash out issues, continue ditching and repairing roads. Continuing with the renovations of the back office. We will be setting the Mil Rate for property taxes at the Assessors Meeting on Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 6 pm. We had a meeting with the Broadband Advisory Committee they are just getting organized and will be very helpful in gathering information about broadband options for the Town. Next meeting will be August 5 at 1:30 pm.

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

**Quote of the Week:**
Who said this quote?

“It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light.”

Last week: Oscar Wilde said – “Life is never fair, and perhaps it is a good thing for most of us that it is not.”
From the Town Clerk ~
Hope everyone is enjoying the great weather we have been having. I am definitely a summertime bird!

It is hard to believe that we just finished one election, which I am still dealing with the paperwork and cleanup, and we are running full tilt into another one. The electronic absentee request site will be open next week to accept requests for November’s election. Please keep in mind if you order a ballot it will be a while before you see it in the mail. I don’t expect to have ballots available to mail out until the end of September or early October.

Fire & Rescue Responses ~
- 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.

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

It’s a beautiful day here at Harrison Rec! We have 2 weeks remaining in our Summer Rec Program! We have been having an absolute blast! I continue to be beyond proud of all the staff members and campers for following the guidelines in place which has kept and safe and healthy throughout these last 7 weeks! I would like to send a big shout out to the Harrison Food Bank for their continued support and providing our hungry and growing campers with lots of snacks each week! Thank You Harrison Food Bank!

To all of my Senior Luncheon goers, I miss you all more than you know! I look forward to being able to cook and have lunch with all of you again. I hope you are all doing well and please don’t hesitate to reach out if you need help with anything or would just like to chat!

Adult Softball continues to play Friday nights at Crystal Lake Park starting at 6pm! Grab that dusty glove off the shelf and come show us what you got! All levels of experience are welcome!

Our Minors softball team will be wrapping up their season this week! The team has grown tremendously over the season and I am beyond proud of all the players and for our Coaches. A job well done especially during these times of many restrictions and rules around Covid.

Oxford Hills Athletic Boosters announced that they will be taking registrations for Fall sports for kids in grade 3-6. With that being said, Harrison Rec will be continuing our Little Kicks Program and will also offer a 1-2 grade skills and drills season along with some scrimmages.

A note from OHAB: Here are a few things parents/guardians need to know before registering their athlete.
1. OHAB is working on strict COVID-19 Guidelines for the Fall 2020 season. Failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in athletes dismissal from the program.
2. In case of cancellation, there will be NO refunds. Instead, credits will be issued to online accounts to use at a later date.
3. There will be no kindergarten-2nd grade signups for the Fall 2020 sports season.
4. Waivers will need to be signed before athletes are permitted to participate in any Fall programs.
   As school gets closer, our hopes it to provide email information to our registered families with details regarding their child's sports.
   You can register online for OHAB at http://www.oxfordhillsathleticboosters.com/

   Soccer registrations for Little Kicks and 1-2 grades can register at
   https://campscui.active.com/orgs/HarrisonMaineRecreation?orglink=camps-registration

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 offer these services during our regular hours: Monday 1-7, Wednesday 1-7, Thursday 11-5, Saturday 10-2; call or email to arrange your time.

Imagine Your Story, our Summer Reading Program for kids!
This program is available for all children from birth to age 18, and ends August 15. Registrations accepted in person, over the phone, or by email.

Saturday, August 29, 2:00 p.m.: Read ME Book Discussion
Join us on Zoom for a discussion of the two Read ME selections for this year, chosen by Maine author Lily King: The Vigilance of Stars by Patricia O'Donnell, and Roughhouse Friday by Jaed Coffin. Copies of the books are available for loan; please contact the library for more information or to register for the discussion.

To call the library: (207) 583-2970. To email: kkramer@harrison.lib.me.us

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 ~

Harrison Lions Club Pancake Breakfast August 2nd and August 23rd at Long Lake Park 7:30 – 11:00 am. See Attached Flyer.

Harrison Historical Society ~ The Harrison Historical Society museum and farmhouse located on Haskell Hill Road will be open only by appointment. Please call Gerry Smith 583-2213.
PRESS RELEASE

Maine Bureau of Agriculture warns of unsolicited packages of seeds from China

07/28/2020 12:37 PM EDT

*Do not plant them and report it to Division of Animal and Plant Health*

AUGUSTA - In Maine and across the US, people are reporting receiving unsolicited packages containing seeds from China in the mail. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) Bureau of Agriculture is advising anyone who gets these packages to not open or plant the seeds. Recipients are asked to contact either DACF's Division of Animal and Plant Health, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., at (207) 287-3200 or by emailing horticulture@maine.gov or the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal Plant Health Inspection Service - Plant Protection and Quarantine office in Hermon, ME, at (207) 848-0008. Recipients should hold onto the seeds and packaging, including the mailing label, until someone from DACF or USDA gets in touch with further instructions. Please do not plant seeds from unknown origins.

The seeds are usually sent in white packages displaying Chinese lettering and the words "China Post." Most recipients say they did not order anything, and that the packaging was labeled as jewelry. Some recipients have reported ordering seeds on Amazon and receiving these seeds.

The United States Department of Agriculture's Animal Plant Health Inspection Service's Plant Protection and Quarantine Smuggling, Interdiction and Trade Compliance Unit is currently investigating this situation across the nation.

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HARRISON LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Pancake Breakfast
August 2nd and August 23rd

Long Lake Park 7:30 – 11:00 am

All you can Eat
Blueberry, Chocolate Chip, Plain,
Sausage, Juice, Coffee

ADULTS $8.00    CHILDREN under 10 $5.00

Proceeds and donations used for local causes