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

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

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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 driven although it doesn’t have wheels, sliced but stays whole?

*Last week:* My life is often a volume of grief, your help is needed to turn a new leaf. Stiff is my spine and my body is pale, but I’m always ready to tell a tale. What am I? Answer: A Book.

**Dear Citizens:**
We have had beautiful weather this month; although it is very dry so there is a high fire danger. Please be cautious if you have a campfire. 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:
Tax bills are out and should be arriving soon if you have not received it yet. The 1st half is due by September 14th.

The Town Office will be closed on **Friday, September 4 & Monday September 7th** for Labor Day Holiday. The Transfer Station will be closed on **Monday, September 7th** for Labor Day Holiday.
Renovations are almost complete at the Town Office for the new Assessing and Code Enforcement Office. We are very excited for them to get into their new space. They will be able to have all their files and maps in one office and be able to socially distance while in their office (something that was not available were they are located now). We will close the Town Office for one day at the beginning of September to move desks, computers, phones and files; stay tuned for the exact date coming soon.

There will also be changes in how we enter the building again. Pay attention to new signs. You will still be required to wear a mask or face covering and keep a six-foot social distance (State Regulations). Otherwise call and make an appointment and we will meet you outside the building We will go back to the main entrance for the Clerk’s office and other Administrative offices with only 2 customers at a time in the lobby area.

The Assessing/Code Enforcement entrance will be the same door as the meeting room (where you enter now). It is still advisable to have an appointment to be sure they are available when you come. As you know they need to do inspections and may be out of the office.

I was informed by LEA (Lakes Environmental Association that they found a serious health and sanitation issue. “In recent weeks, they received multiple reports from shorefront landowners finding human feces in the water of Long Lake and boaters and other recreationalists defecating on private property along the shore. Our staff (LEA) have also seen this issue firsthand. Because boating and lake recreation is a relatively safe activity right now, more people appear to be out on the water and the problem seems to be getting worse.” Please let’s be respectful of others and keep our lakes and shores clean and use the proper facilities and hygiene. Thank you.

Have a great weekend in Harrison. Thank you for your continued support.

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**Quote of the Week:**

Who said this quote?

“In three words I can sum up everything I’ve learned about life: it goes on.”

Last week: John Wooden said – “Do not let making a living prevent you from making a life”

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**FROM THE CLERK’S OFFICE**

**Absentee Ballots** – The site is open to order an absentee ballot for the November election. You can [order here](#).

There has been much discussion in the news about the postal service. I want everyone to know we have a great post office in Harrison. If you order an absentee ballot and you live in Harrison, your ballot will stay in Harrison. The Harrison post office is keeping all local mail – local. While the world is having hiccups, your mail is running on time in town.

You also have the option to drop your ballot off at the town office during business hours or use our secure locked drop box located on the front of the building.

The Select Board gave the nod to put 3 ordinances to the ballot in November. I am in the process of pulling that together so stay tuned. I will have more information over the next couple of weeks.

**Tax bills have arrived!** Or at least mine has.

The first half of the taxes are due September 14th. Remember you can go online to our website [www.harrisonmaine.org](http://www.harrisonmaine.org) and click on the link for online payments. Taxes are paid through AndroGov which is part of Androscoggin Bank. You need the account number with no leading zeros or the RE or PP for personal property. We also have a drop box in front of the building if you don’t want to come into the office.
Fire & Rescue Responses ~
- Emergency - 911 - Non-Emergency Sheriff Dept. - 893-2810

HARRISON FIRE/RESCUE CALL RESPONSES

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From Public Works
Winter Sand Bids
The town is looking for bids for winter sand. The specs and all information are on the website under News & Announcements.

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.

The Transfer Station will be closed on Monday, September 7th for the Labor Day Holiday!

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

Summer Rec ended last week with a lot of “air” hugs and smiles. The kids had a great summer with some great weather!

NEW EVENT
I am very excited to announce our 1st Annual Field of Dreams Pickleball Tournament! September 18-20th We will be hosting a Men’s doubles, Women’s doubles and Mixed Doubles tournament. Registration is available online!
https://campsclui.active.com/orgs/HarrisonMaineRecreation?orglink=camps-registration

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/](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](https://campscui.active.com/orgs/HarrisonMaineRecreation?orglink=camps-registration)

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**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.

**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: kramer@harrison.lib.me.us

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**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

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**Upcoming Events ~**

**Harrison Lions Club** Pancake Breakfast **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.

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**Cat and Dog First Aid/CPR Course on September 20th** 10 am - 3 pm How to pre-register: Call Carl at 207-595-5237 (See Additional Information below)
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 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
1st Annual Field of Dreams Pickleball Tournament

SEPTEMBER 18-20TH

We will be divided up by age and skill level! Friday the 18th will be Mens doubles, Saturday the 19th, Mixed doubles and Sunday the 20th Womens doubles.

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$25 per person $10 for second event

Registration is open through September 11th.

Please contact Kayla for any questions or concerns. klaird@harrisonmaine.org