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).


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:**
They fill me up and you empty me, almost everyday; if you raise my arm, I work the opposite way. What am I?

Last week: **What can be driven although it doesn’t have wheels, sliced but stays whole?** Answer: A Golf Ball.

Dear Citizens:

We have had beautiful weather this month; although. I think we are going to get some much-needed rain on Saturday. Hope you will be able to get out and enjoy the outdoors this weekend.

Here are a few things that happened this week and upcoming events:
The Town Office will be closed on **Friday, September 4 & Monday September 7**th for Labor Day Holiday.
The Transfer Station will be closed on **Monday, September 7**th for Labor Day Holiday.

Tax bills are out and should be arriving soon if you have not received it yet. The 1st half is due by **September 14**th.

The work plan for the first mile of Cape Monday Road was to first fix the drainage ditch which we did in June, then remove the rocks and stumps from the road, which was done last week. Public works are now going back and filling in the holes with gravel, compacting them and patching them with pavement. The next step is to let the patch work settle over the winter to see where we might need repair and fill more. If nothing goes bad with the budget next year ie. cuts in Capital Road budget, we will send it out for Bid for the remaining work next year. Then sometime in mid-to late summer, depending on who won the bid, they would come in and grind that
mile of pavement, add gravel fill for leveling and angles, put a 2” base coat of pavement on top of that, followed by a 1” top coat. The total cost will be somewhere about $500,000.00 or so.

Old Whitney Road and Dillon Road are being paved.

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 no longer have to review plans and blue prints outside in the parking lot. 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.

Starting next Monday, August 31: There will be changes in how we enter the building. Pay attention to new signs. 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. 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

Coming soon: The Assessing/Code Enforcement entrance will be the same door as the meeting room (where you enter now). It is still advisable to call for an appointment first to be sure they are available when you come. As you know they need to do inspections and may be out of the office. If their office door is closed, they are not in and you will need to come back or leave a message for them to call when they return.

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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FROM THE CLERK’S OFFICE

I feel like this week is the calm before the storm. While we have been busy accepting absentee ballot requests and collecting tax payments, I look ahead to a calendar that is jam packed with no room for the peanut butter.

Some upcoming events

- I am expecting to have a municipal ballot in November. The Board of Selectmen will finalize the warrant at their September meeting. As soon as that happens, I will have all the info for you right here.
- October 15th, the window opens to register your dog for the new year.
- November 3rd, Election Day
- November TBA – rabies clinic for dogs and cats here at the town office

I realize the list doesn’t seem that monumental on paper but there is a whole lot that happens behind the scenes to make all of these things happen and work successfully. So while we are grinding the wheel at the office, I hope you all enjoy the great weather we are having and keep smiling. It’s easier than crying and doesn’t give you a headache!
In other news…
Per the Governor’s order dated August 26, 2020, the date to vote absentee under special circumstances has been suspended. This means a registered voter can vote absentee right into election day.

Absentee Ballots – The site is open to order an absentee ballot for the November election. You can order here.

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Fire & Rescue Responses ~
- Emergency - 911 - Non-Emergency Sheriff Dept. – 893-2810
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From Public Works
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From the Transfer Station ~
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The Transfer Station will be closed on Monday, September 7th for the Labor Day Holiday!

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

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://campscui.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: [kkramer@harrison.lib.me.us](mailto:kkramer@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 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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September 20, 2020 Cat and Dog First Aid/CPR Course

Hosted by The Maine POM Project and Carl Hoskins

Do you know what to do if your pet has a medical emergency?
If you are a pet owner, pet walker, pet sitter, pet groomer, dog daycare employee, animal shelter employee/volunteer, ACOs, FF/EMT, Police Officer, CART member, or just want to be prepared in case of a pet emergency, this course is for you.

SAFETY WILL BE A PRIORITY AT THIS EVENT. WE WILL BE IN A VERY LARGE INDOOR AREA AND WILL MAINTAIN A MINIMUM 6 FOOT SOCIAL DISTANCE.

Course topics include: Understanding basic pet ownership responsibilities, administering medicine, managing breathing and cardiac emergencies, managing first aid emergencies, treating wounds, electrical shock, caring for eye, paw, ear injuries, and preparing for disasters...etc.

Cost - $80, half to register, balance due day of course. Includes tuition, book, and certificate of completion. Cash or check accepted. Please, make checks payable to Maine POM Project.

Instructor – Bobby Silcott of the Maine POM Project (Pet Oxygen Mask)

How to pre-register: Call Carl at 207-595-5237

Register early, space is limited.

Class runs from 10 am - 3 pm with a short recess for lunch. Please bring your own lunch.

All proceeds benefit the Maine POM Project.

MAINE ACOs WILL RECEIVE 5 CEHs FOR ATTENDING.

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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