Now that the busy Christmas season is over, We are looking forward to the Bright Shiny New Year…
Wishing everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year!

- CLOSED NEW YEARS DAY– Town office & Transfer station closed – Wednesday January 1st

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

- Well it is the end of another year and the start of hopefully an even better one. Wishing you all a happy, healthy, prosperous New Year!

It is that time of year, with snowstorms and holidays, to Remember to check on Friends & Neighbors, especially the Elderly to make sure they are warm and well.

Remember the Food Bank is open on Tuesdays 1:30-6:30 pm.

If you have a concern, or question please call the office or stop by and meet with me.

Stay Safe Around Snowplows

- Give snowplows room to do their work. Plows are wide and can extend across the center line.
- Don't tailgate and don't pass unless absolutely necessary and safe to do so. If you must pass, beware of the snow cloud created by plows.
- Remember that the snowplow operators have a limited field of vision. Though you see the plow, our snow fighters might not see you. Keep your distance and always stay alert.
From the Town Clerk ~

Dog Licensing – Is now happening! $6 for neutered dogs and $11 for non-neutered dogs. A late fee will apply after January 31st. For your convenience, license your dog online through our website www.harrisonmaine.org. Click on the “Online Payments” option in the right top corner to find the link.

Fire & Rescue Responses ~
- Emergency - 911 - Non-Emergency Sheriff Dept. - 893-2810

From the Transfer Station ~

With the holidays coming right up, a reminder that we can recycle plain wrapping paper but cannot recycle foil paper or bows. Please separate them. Also, we have a salvation army box at the transfer station that only accepts soft goods like clothing. Please bag all items.

2020 Transfer Station Stickers are now available.

SAND * SAND * SAND * SAND * SAND * SAND

It’s that time of year to remind residents who need sand; you are limited to two 5 gallon pails of sand from the Transfer Station when they are open. This sand is for your walkways and steps. **DO NOT** fill your pick-up truck in order to sand your private road and driveway.

A reminder to please use care when entering the transfer station. Snow removal occurs even on non-snow days. Please give the equipment operators plenty of room and be sure they know you are there before proceeding around them.
From Public Works ~

WINTER PARKING BAN - Is in effect from **November 15, 2019 to April 15, 2020**
parking on all public streets, roads and parking lots is prohibited during snowstorms. Vehicles will be towed at owner’s expense. This is being done to facilitate the plowing of snow.

Sand is available at the transfer station. 2 five-gallon buckets are allowed per vehicle. No one is allowed to enter the public works facility to get sand. It is an insurance requirement, please take notice.

**NOTICE**
DO NOT ENTER the Public Works/Town Garage facility.

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

Next SENIOR LUNCHEON – Tuesday January 7th at the Community Room. The meal will be serving Homemade Soup and grilled cheese. Of course, there will be dessert and BINGO!

Adult Pickle Ball – **Saturdays** – 10:45am – 4pm - At the Harrison Elementary School

Basketball season has started the games begin this week! GO HARRISON

Mr. Drew and His Animals Too – **Thursday January 23rd** at 3 pm at Harrison Elementary School.
See brochure at end of update

**4th Annual Family Ice Fishing Derby** – Coming up on **February 23** from 7:00 – 3 pm

Harrison Village Library ~

On view now: **Scribner’s Mill: Art by John Seilonen**
John was born and raised in Bolsters Mills and taught himself to paint after retiring. He has taught art as a volunteer at Market Square Health Center and Casco Country Living. We are pleased to feature two oil paintings by John of Scribner’s Mill, which he remembers seeing often as a child.

HVL Kids: **Art Wednesday**
Drop in anytime on Wednesdays (we’re open 1-7) and do the art project of the day!

Story Time Dates – **EVERY** Thursday – 10am

Saturday, January 4th, 2:00 p.m.: **Book Club**
This month’s title: *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See. New members are always welcome!

**Friendly Village Tote**
We have the perfect gift for the Harrison-lover in your life! The Friendly Village Tote, a fundraiser for the library, is available now for $20. It’s roomy (19" wide and 12" long, with a 4.5" gusset at the base) and has long handles that swing over your shoulder. When they’re gone, they're gone, so get yours now!
Recurring Events ~

HARRISON FOOD BANK – Tuesdays – 1:30pm to 6:30pm
Located at the Ronald G. St. John VFW Post 9328 located at 176 Waterford Road in Harrison, mailing address: PO Box 112, Harrison, ME 04040  Telephone 207-647-3384

Upcoming Events ~

Lakeside Grange #63 is Collecting for Yard Sale. Please call Opal @ 595-0925 for Drop off time. Please No TV’s, mattresses, AC’s or copiers…We will take most anything else.

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ROADSIDE MAILBOX GUIDELINES POLICY

Our plow drivers are instructed to take all necessary precautions to avoid striking mailboxes with the wing of their plow truck. Please remember, State law provides that any installations within the Town’s Right-Of-Way including mailboxes, shrubbery, fences and other property enhancements are placed there at the owner’s risk. Municipalities are not responsible for any damages caused during snow removal operations. In most cases, mailboxes are damaged by the weight of the snow and not from direct contact from plow equipment.
The Town of Harrison will evaluate damages to a mailbox on a case-by-case basis. However, damaged mailboxes will only be replaced when it is determined to be caused by direct contact with plow equipment outside of the Town’s Right-Of-Way. The Town will replace damaged structures with a typical 4 X 4 pressure treated post and standard metal or plastic USPS box.

Residential property owners are advised to place these structures at the maximum usable distance beyond the paved area of the roadway. Below are some tips for mailbox placement to help reduce the chances of damage during winter plowing:

Place reflective material on the side of the box visible to approaching traffic. Also, 4”high letters to identify the address is recommended to assist emergency vehicles.

Mailbox post size must not exceed 4" by 4" for a wooden post or 2" diameter for a steel pipe post for roadside barrier safety. Posts that are more substantial in construction are considered deadly fixed objects - and are not permitted within the Right-Of-Way.

Mailboxes should be installed at least 48 inches high to provide clearance for the plow wing as shown in the picture above. We recommend the use of an extended arm type of post with a free-swinging suspended mailbox, again, as shown in the picture above. This allows snow plows to sweep near or under boxes without damage to supports and provides easy access to the boxes by your postal carrier.

Below you will find a sketch showing the recommended location for your mailbox. Placing the mailbox on the side of your driveway away from approaching traffic will allow our drivers to properly clear the roadway and to get as close as possible to your mailbox to minimize the amount of shoveling you will have to do to clear the mailbox for the postal carrier.

For un-curbed roadways, set the mailbox back at the far edge of the road shoulder to provide the maximum possible roadway clearance. For curbed roads, the face of the mailbox should be 8-12 inches back from the curb face.

Your participation and cooperation in complying with the above recommendations will be greatly appreciated by your rural carrier, postal service and the Harrison Public Works & Public Safety Departments.