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THE “NEW HAMPTON CONNECTION”

E-mail notices will be sent from this office with dates, locations and times of Town Meetings, special meetings, special events, and other important town events or information. We hope you will find these notices helpful. These e-mails will not provide notice of regular scheduled meetings, deadlines, holiday hours, general information, etc. For such scheduled information, please check the town web site www.new-hampton.nh.us or call the Town Office at 744-3559. All public meeting notices are posted at the Town Office and Public Works Department. All town newspaper notices are placed in the Laconia Daily Sun.

Please talk with other New Hampton residents who may not have been contacted to see if they are interested in receiving these e-mails. I also would encourage you to get the “word out” about important information to those who may not have e-mail.

If at some future time you change your e-mail address or you wish to be removed from the list please send an e-mail to nirvine@new-hampton.nh.us.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Kenneth M. Mertz, Neil G. Irvine and Michael A. Drake

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Changes at the Town Offices

Effective Immediately ... The door to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Selectmen’s offices will be locked during business hours, though personnel remain available to serve you by phone, email, mail, or by appointment, as we continue to follow the recommendations and guidelines provided by Federal, State and Local Health officials. We are taking the appropriate steps to help curb the spread of COVID-19 and protect our community. For the duration of the State of Emergency we are implementing a ‘by appointment’ only. Your understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated.”

Many of the services of the Town Office - Clerk, Tax Collector and Selectmen/Assessing - can be provided via the internet, mail or telephone.

Please call the appropriate office and we will be happy to assist you:
Selectmen's Office 744-3559
Town Clerk / Tax Collector 744-8454

If after discussing your needs we determine you still need to come to the office we will schedule you an appointment based upon your needs .

Temporary Changes at the Transfer Station

While the Transfer Station will remain open to serve you, we continue to follow the recommendations and guidelines provided by Federal, State and Local Health officials to help curb the spread of COVID-19 and protect our community.

Therefore, for the duration of the State of Emergency we are temporarily closing the recycling windows and directing all household waste to the compactor. We are also limiting the number of vehicles at the compactor to a maximum of 2. The “mall” will remain closed for the duration of the State of Emergency.

Your understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated.



Criminals are using concerns about the coronavirus for email and phone scams

1. If you are looking for news or information on the coronavirus, visit known reputable websites like the [NH Dept. Health & Human Services](#) or [U.S. Center for Disease Control](#) or the [World Health Organization](#).
2. Social Media companies are cracking down on ads spreading coronavirus conspiracies and fake cures, some ads may make it past their review process. Remember, it's best to seek information on the disease from official sources like those mentioned above.
3. Be on the lookout for phishing emails, which may appear to come from a trusted source. Remember, you can look at the sender's details – specifically the part of the email address after the '@' symbol – in the 'From' line to see if it looks legitimate.
4. Be wary of emails or phone calls offering unexpected or unprompted information. Also be aware of emails from unfamiliar sources that contain links or attachments. Do not click on these links, as they could be embedded with malware.
5. **Remember, the no Governmental agency or reputable business will call you and ask for your Social Security number, Bank details, PIN numbers / passwords or other personally identifiable information.**

In just the past few days we have seen emails advertising:

- Cures – there is no cure or preventative vaccine.
- Stock opportunities for companies about to announce a cure.
- Programs to purchase early disbursement of Federal stimulus money.

- Free phones for people quarantined at home
- Charities and Crowdfunding... Don't let anyone to rush you into making a donation, especially if they want the donation in cash, gift cards or wire transfer.

COVID-19 INFORMATION FOR BUSINESSES (FROM THE NH DEPT OF BUSINESS & ECONOMIC AFFAIRS)

The past few weeks have presented challenges not only here in New Hampshire, but all over the world. The Department of Business and Economic Affairs has already heard from hundreds of businesses and we are working with our federal and state partners to bring forward resources to help address the needs of our business community.

I wanted to let you know that we have just launched a one-stop resource for businesses needs during this difficult time and it will be updated regularly. The following link will direct you to the the website:
<https://www.nheconomy.com/covid19>

Governor Sununu requested a disaster declaration from the US Small Business Administration to speed the delivery and access of federal low interest loan products to New Hampshire businesses. On March 18, New Hampshire received a statewide declaration of disaster from the Small Business Administration, which means that business in all counties within New Hampshire are eligible for the loan program. More information is available on our web portal (above).

This situation is unlike anything we have seen before. On the upside, we go into this downturn with many strong economic fundamentals. Our goal is to do whatever we can to reduce the financial burden facing businesses across this state in hopes that when we come out the other side of COVID-19, we do so in as strong of a position as possible. I urge you to use BEA and other state resources to help you in this regard. We will not be able to solve every issue but we are damn well going to try. I say all the time our strength in this state are our communities, and among the most admirable of those is New Hampshire's business community.

I wish you, your families, and your employees the best for whatever is next. BEA and the State of New Hampshire are here if you need us.

Respectfully,

Taylor Caswell, Commissioner
Department of Business & Economic Affairs

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