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NEW HAVEN MUTUAL AID

In response to COVID-19, a number of your neighbors here in New Haven have signed up to help community residents through the Addison County Mutual Aid organization. This group is working as a proactive and reactive response to protect and support each other, particularly our most vulnerable populations. This group of New Haven residents is working together to provide whatever support our community might need in the weeks ahead. This includes:

--Grocery shopping and food delivery for individuals or families in New Haven who have difficulty accessing food, medical supplies or other needs.

--Food for those who are unable to meet their individual or family needs at this time.

--Connecting New Haven residents with organizations who can provide other support.

--Connection for those who may feel isolated, lonely, scared or insecure about current or future needs for themselves or loved ones.

--Support for the children of our town who are missing school and their social connections.

If you have something to give; time, money, or other resources, please go to **www.addisoncountymutualaid.org**
If you are struggling and could use a hand, please contact us via the website.

Our community is coming together to help each other in this time of need. Although we may not all know each other by name, we are a town filled with people who care deeply about the wellbeing of our neighbors and by working together, will get through this difficult time.

COVID-19 Health Information

For any health-related concerns or questions please call your primary care doctor or regular health center.

If you are sick and do not have a regular provider call the Vermont hotline at 211 and they will tell you how to proceed.

Vermont-specific Information about COVID-19: **<https://www.healthvermont.gov>**

UVM Coronavirus Information page: **<https://www.uvmhealth.org/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx>**

Porter Medical Center COVID-19 information: **<https://www.portermedical.org>**

Childcare information: The State is coordinating to match essential workers with available childcare spaces. The form to file with the State of Vermont for "Essential Workers" requiring childcare can be found at **<https://vem.vermont.gov/essentialpersons>** This connection service for essential workers will be in effect while schools and general child care services are closed due to COVID-19. *Let's Grow Kids* COVID-19 resources webpage offers daily updates: **<https://letsgrowkids.org/coronavirus>**

MAUSD District Childcare services: MAUSD is collaborating with our own Expanded Learning Program and private care providers in the area to help those who need childcare. Link for getting services **MAUSD.org**

Food Support: MAUSD Food Service Cooperative is operating a Meals on the Bus program in order to continue food service to all students while our schools are closed. Meals will be available by delivery each day

along normal school bus routes. Parents and students can expect the bus to show up 2 hours after the normal morning pickup time. For example, if your bus usually comes at 7:15 AM, expect the meals delivery at 9:15 AM. This delivery service is offered in addition to a 10 AM grab and go option at the Elementary Schools. The same nutritious food is available by either option. Anyone age 0-18 can receive a breakfast and lunch each day and can receive delivery along a bus route regardless of whether they would normally ride the bus.

Local Food Shelves:

The **Bristol Have-A-Heart Community Food Shelf** provides a community meal and packed bags for neighbors in need. Food shelf hours are 5 to 6:30 p.m. Donations can be dropped off on the Rectory porch at any time. For donations of perishable foods, such as garden produce, or large donations, contact Kathy directly. Address: **St. Ambrose Catholic Church**, 11 School St. Bristol, Contact: Kathy Burritt, kathy05443@gmail.com, **349-8530**

HOPE provides community-based poverty relief services to Addison County residents. Please call before you plan to drop off food donations. www.hope-vt.org 282 Boardman Street, Middlebury Contact: Lily Bradburn lbradburn@hope-vt.org, **388-3608**

Vergennes Congregational Food Shelf Donation hours are during food shelf hours which occur on Tuesdays and Thursdays 2 to 4 p.m. and Saturdays 8 to 10 a.m. Contact Mike to donate outside of those hours. Acceptable donations include non-perishable foods. Please no open packages or frozen meat. <https://www.vergennesucc.org/> 30 South Water St., Vergennes Mike O'Daniel, **877-2435**

Short-term food support for local families: There will be a community fundraiser to raise money for groceries for local people who will need some short-term support. These donations will go toward the purchase of grocery cards to be distributed to community members needing help. Information about this will be posted to Front Porch Forum and on the New Haven Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/1111139645604868/

Additional Information and Support:

United Way of Addison County-<http://bit.ly/AddisonCountyResponds>

Senator Ruth Hardy has a number of valuable resources on her webpage for Addison County residents: <https://ruthforvermont.com>

Emotional and Spiritual Support: Abigail Diehl-Noble, Pastor of the New Haven Congregational Church, and the church congregation, as well as members of the community, are willing to offer a variety of support for our community members. If you are feeling isolated, afraid or having a difficult time navigating during this time, there are community people willing to help!

People to Call if You Would Like a Daily or Weekly Phone Check In:

Carol Charbonneau (New Haven Health Officer) 802.989.2327

Harvey Smith, Vermont House Representative 802.349.7268

Abigail Diehl-Noble, Pastor New Haven Congregational church 802.282.6944

Dawn Marszalkowski 802.349.0352

Robert Rodgers 802.453.2183

Margaret Benn 802.453.4170

Michael Frey 802.989.4242

Julie Olson 802.734.0523

Annie Perkins 802.453.7648

Mary Pratt 802.545.2106

Annie Watson 802.453.5821

National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255

Contacts

Selectboard:

Steve Dupoise: 349-9233
Kathy Barrett: 453-4232
Taborri Bruhl: 802-353-9912
John Roleau: 802-316-6125
Jim Walsh: 989-9368

**Town Administrator /
Zoning Administrator /
Road Commissioner:**
Aaron Brown: 453-3516

Town Clerk:
Pam Kingman: 453-3516

**Town Treasurer /
Assistant Town Clerk:**
Danielle Cummings:
453-3516

Town Shed: 453-3397

Beeman Elementary
453-2331

Mt. Abe High School
453-2333

Superintendent's Office
453-3657

Community Library
Deborah Lundbeck:
453-4015

Fire Chief
Alan Mayer: 453-5129
377-0475 (cell)

Burn Permit: Fire Warden
Dave Heisler: 453-7286
771-7236 (cell)

Planning Commission:
Rob Litch: 453-4840 /
Benj Putnam: 453-5824

**Development Review
Board:**
Charlie Roy: 453-3054

Animal Control Officer:
Wayne Marcelle:
1-802-233-9534

Health Officer:
Carol Charbonneau:
453-5059

Deputy Health Officer:
Kathy Cahill:
1-262-298-0865

Any non-profit group event that is open to all members of the community can be listed in the Community calendar.

**Contact:
Town Office: 453 - 3516**

Selectboard News: As I'm writing this, the world it seems has been turned upside down. The normal is no longer normal; and can't return fast enough for all of us. We just have to be flexible and vigilant.

I want to thank all who participated in Town Meeting and who came out to vote. The larger the turn out the better it is for our Town. We still have a number of vacancies to fill; please check with the Town Clerk to find out what positions are open and consider applying for one of them.

The Beaver Creek Project bids were opened on March 12th, Otter Creek Engineering has made its recommendation to the Selectboard, and we have chosen to go with J. Hutchins, Inc. This process has taken longer than anyone had expected, none of which was New Haven's fault.

With the approval of the budget on Town Meeting Day, there will be several more projects that will be moving forward as spring arrives. New natural gas heat for the Town Garage. Upgrades to the front porch on the Town Hall as well as a de-humidification system in the cafeteria and gutters for the roof.

On the road side, there's always cross culverts, road side cutting and preparation for paving. Should be another busy summer.

Steve Dupoise

Clerk News: 754 voters turned out to vote for Town Meeting issues and in the Presidential Primary we also registered 9 new voters for same day voting.

I want to say a huge thank you to the poll workers and counters: Tim, Kathi, Carol, Danielle, Karen, Don, Pam, Kathy, Dave, Taborri, John and Susan. This was a busy election and all of you went above and beyond, everything went smoothly - thank you! I'd also like to thank the Bessette Family for providing the voters with "Earls Famous Peppermint Patties." I'd also like to thank Jane Moulton and Larry Buck for bringing in doughnuts and bagels for the poll workers to enjoy.

The Selectboard made a motion to move the **dog license due date to May 1st** and **waive the late fees until May 1;** in light of the COVID pandemic. So if you can, please try and license your dog (s) by May 1st.

Please stay safe and healthy everyone.

Respectfully, Pam Kingman

Town Zoning News:

It's that time of the year when foresters are busy gathering timber before the ground thaws. We've recently received questions about what's permitted and what's not when it comes to processing wood. State law exempts forestry from local zoning when timber is harvested and processed on site, whether for firewood or high-end furniture. Individuals who buy whole logs and split them at home for personal use likewise do not need a permit. Of course, it's always polite to consider the hours to run a log splitter. Most neighbors don't want to be woken up at 4:30 in the morning.

Processors who take timber from one site and process it on another as part of a commercial operation, however, are not exempt from zoning. In New Haven, most off-site operations need approval from the Development Review Board to operate as a contractor's yard. Additionally, as most loggers know, overweight road permits are required during much of Spring and can be obtained through the Town Clerk. Major logging operations should also seek guidance from the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation before starting a large harvest.

Aaron Brown

Friends of the Library:

The group of Library Friends meet regularly on the first Wednesday of every month (with the exception of the summer months of July and August) in the library at 7 PM. It's likely our next regular meeting will take place in May rather than April. Our semi-annual Book Sale is still scheduled for the first Saturday in May. We will keep you posted.

-Norma Norland

New Haven Community Library News: I write this in March, and it is a strange time, indeed! We are closed in an effort to keep patrons, volunteers, and staff healthy. As of this date our decision about lending materials (i.e. curbside drop-off, holds, etc.) is still undecided. Libraries in Vermont have made many different decisions, but as I write this the situation is changing almost daily. We will keep you informed about our changes on Front Porch Forum, Facebook, and you may call me any time at regular library hours - or leave me a message and I'll get back to you.

I would like to remind all of you that we have free available Wifi from the library parking lot. You can access this Wifi at NHCL Air.

For information, education and entertainment check out the following on the homepage of our website:

nhcl.org

ListenUpVermont offers free downloadable audiobooks and ebooks.

Kanopy offers five free streamed movies a month per library account. (If you have several household members who belong to the library, you will each have five movies per month.)

Vermont Online Library provides free access to online information databases, with content such as Kids InfoBits for elementary school age kids, and databases that are selected for middle school, high school and college. It provides general reference and specific reference for adults with a wide scope of available topics.

Universal Class offers online classes to patrons using their library barcode to access. (call me if you need your number). Over 500 courses offered in an amazing array of subjects - guitar, cooking, poetry, writing, and many, many more.

With so much difficult news out there, it's inspiring to see the thoughtfulness and kindness that has arisen in this and other communities.

My warm wishes to you all.

Deborah Lundbeck

The New Haven Congregational Church would like to support our community in this public health emergency. If you or a loved one could use a daily or weekly phone check-in, delivery of food or medicine already paid for, or pastoral care, please contact Pastor Abigail: 802-282-6944 or pastornewhavenchurchvt@gmail.com. We can also serve as a conduit to other organizations that distribute aid. If you are experiencing hunger or a financial emergency, please let us know of your needs so we can help you find the assistance you need." Thank you, Sara Smith

Tax Information: Just a reminder, if you are a Vermont resident and own a home as of April 1, 2020, you must file your homestead declaration by the extended deadline of July 15. To do so, you need to fill out the HS-122. For more information you can visit <https://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/homestead-declaration>. Even if you file an extension on your taxes you still need to get this form in on time. If you so file late you may be subjected to penalties on your tax bill. The state has also changed other deadlines for filing your taxes, to find out more please visit <https://tax.vermont.gov/coronavirus>.

New Haven Energy Committee Update:

The Energy Committee of the New Haven Planning Commission has been working on drafting an enhanced energy plan for New Haven. This plan is intended to achieve two major goals. The first goal is to meet the targets set by Vermont's Comprehensive Energy Plan to reduce energy consumption and produce more renewable energy locally, all of which are intended to reduce our green house gas emissions. In exchange for adopting a plan that meets Vermont's energy targets, New Haven will be given a strong voice (called "substantial deference") in determining where energy projects should, and should not, be sited. For a detailed explanation of the Vermont energy plan, go to <https://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Legislative-Reports/Executive-summary-for-web.pdf>

The current New Haven draft energy plan is available for review and comment on the Town website or the Town Office. For a shortened link to the document itself, you can use <https://bit.ly/38D6XOV>. The whole page with the maps and the prior draft can be accessed here: <https://bit.ly/337GZBY>. Comments and questions can be directed to Maggie Eaton at maggieeaton@me.com.

April 2020 New Haven Community Calendar

Location of Events Key: Town Hall= TH Town Offices= TO Town Garage= TG Cafeteria= C Gym= G Beeman= S MAUHS= HS Village Green =VG Village Green Market= VGM Congregational Church= CH Library= L Fire Station= FS * Recycling at Town Garage Saturday Mornings 8-12 *

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	** Please call ahead to see if meetings / gatherings are taking place due to the pandemic.**		1 April Fools' Day	2	3	4 Trash & Recycle 8AM - 12PPM TG
5 Palm Sunday	6 DRB Meeting 7PM at TO	7 Library Story Hour 10:30AM L Selectboard Meeting 7PM TO	8 Library Friends Mtg 7PM L	9 Conservation Com. 7pm TO	10 Good Friday	11 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM TG
12 Easter Sunday	13 Planning Commission Meeting 7PM at TO	14 Library Story Hour 10:30AM L	15 4H-Equine Mtg. 6:30PM C Library Trustees Mtg . 7PM L	16	17	18 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM TG
19	20 DRB Meeting 7PM at TO	21 Library Story Hour 10:30AM L Selectboard Meeting 7PM TO	22 Library Game Night 6:30PM L Earth Day	23 Ramadan	24	25 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM TG
26	27	28 Library Story Hour 10:30AM L	29	30		Trash & Recycle 8AM—12PM TG
	Rent the Town Hall for your own events or parties, or to teach classes. Please submit your application at least 3 weeks prior to your event to allow the Selectboard	time to review and process the application. Applications are available at the Town Office or on the Town web-site. Thank you	*if your town group or club would like its meetings or events listed in the Town Newsletter Calendar, please contact the Town Office at 453-3516 or email	newhavenclerk@gmail.net. by the 15 th of the month prior to the event for publishing.		To register in any town group or club, please call one of the phone numbers listed below. Thanks~

Contacts: * Police 388-4919 * Fire Dept. 453-3654 * Town Office 453-3516 * Town Garage / Shed 453-3397 * Beeman 453-2331 * MAUHS 453-2333 * Mt Abe Unified School District 453-3657 * Crime Watch 453-5978 * Library 453-4015 * Equine 4H 989-6038 * Dairy 4H 545-2484 * Little League 453-2724 * Historical Soc. 989-4066 * Ladies Union 877-3080 *

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Recycling Saturday mornings 8-12 at Town Garage. Trash drop-off at same time for a fee.

Town Office Hours:

Monday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Tuesday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Wednesday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Thursday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Library Hours

Tuesday 10:00 - 5:00
(10:30 Story Hour)
Wednesday 1:00 - 8:00
Thursday 1:00 - 8:00
Saturday 10:00 - 1:00

The newsletter is an open forum for New Haven residents with appropriate reports, articles, & letters about town matters. Letters of 500 words or less should be courteous & concern town events, news, & issues. One letter per person on a topic per year. Please include your name, address, & phone number. (Only your name will be published.) Submit in electronic form by the 15th of the month to newhavenclerk@gmavt.net or newhavenassistant@gmavt.net

****Important insert information
from the
Addison County Mutual Aid Organization
Re: COVID-19****

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