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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: First of all I hope you are all doing well. Much of what the Town has been doing revolves around this virus that we are all dealing with. Restricting access to Town Employees, trying to maintain the Town Office while social distancing. Moving dates out to allow residents to stay at home or pay on line such as Dog licenses and other things. The Office Staff has done a great job setting up virtual meetings, allowing people to stay at home and yet still attend meetings. This has certainly changed how we have done things in the past. Let's hope this doesn't become the new normal.

The Road Crew has been social distancing as well. They've been grading roads, patching roads and doing clean up after the winter snow and frost and the spring winds. They've been working on painting and repairing equipment after the winter use. We're not sure what's going to happen with the Beaver Creek project with everything being pushed back. We do have a signed contract on that project but not sure of a start date yet.

My wish for everyone is that we all pull through this and life starts to get back to what we remember. This will be a slow process and no ones in a hurry more than me. There's an old saying "good things come to those who wait", let's all hope this comes sooner than later.

Steve Dupoise

Town Administrator's Update : We did not expect our community to face a worldwide virus this spring, but here we are. Daffodils are blooming and hens are brooding, but most everything else is off. We must face facts, prepare for a cautious and possibly slow return to life, and make the best of our situation. Spring is often that way in Vermont.

First, we must realize residents of New Haven and surrounding towns have tested positive for coronavirus. As of this writing (4/25), I am not aware of any deaths in our town, but some of our friends and neighbors have lost loved ones elsewhere. Addison County has had 61 cases and two deaths. Statewide case totals are 843, with 46 resulting in death. These figures will likely increase by the time this newsletter is mailed. However, the Vermont Department of Health estimates we have hit the worst and will see fewer new cases. We must prepare for the possibility that this virus could hit in multiple waves and be worse in the future. Smart practices like washing hands and wearing facemasks, however, can and will prevail.

The Town will continue to comply with the CDC and Department of Health in its operations. Town office staff are mostly working remotely. The current stay-home guidance extends through May 15. We go into the office alone for essential functions and sanitize workspaces between visits. I have instructed the road crew to limit work to critical projects and to comply with health guidelines. They deserve many thanks for getting a big jump on road grading and equipment maintenance prior to this order, and for responding to road repairs that when they're reported.

Most of you are helping to contain the virus. Thank you. Continue to wash hands as needed and wear a mask in public. Plan out shopping trips to local businesses. Work from home as well as you can. Our roads are quiet and perfect for walking.

Thank you to the school district for meal deliveries. Thank you to local businesses that remain open for essentials. Thank you to the media for updates on local conditions. Thank you to ACTR for continuing to provide critical transportation services. Thank you to those sewing face masks at home. You all have been a tremendous help to the community. Our newsletter includes an insert of local resources for a variety of needs. Call 2-1-1 if you have a need that is not listed.

Finally, enjoy spring. The crocus has appeared, turkey season is coming, trails are drying out, and next year's woodpile needs to be stacked. I wish you and yours good health. We will get through this.

Aaron Brown

Clerk News: I hope all of you are coping with the challenges of what this virus has brought to our doorsteps. The Town Office staff continues to work remotely; we each have separate days we are in the office to complete tasks we cannot do from home. We have put our Land Records indexes on our website along with redacted copies of tax bills. This makes it easier for Title Searchers to forward their requests to us. Danielle and I then make copies for them and scan/email them the documents, and they are billed for the copies. So far, so good.

We are still registering dogs by mail, just send the appropriate fee and a copy of a current rabies certificate to 78 North Street. You can also go on our town web site www.newhavenvt.com and pay online. Although we encourage everyone to license by mail we have extended the dead line to register to June 1st.

We will continue to monitor the CDC recommendations, as well as what Gov. Scott feels is safe for Vermonters as far as opening the Town Office back up to the public.

Please stay home, stay safe - it is the only way to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Respectfully, Pam Kingman

New Haven Community Library News

I hope that you are all keeping well in these difficult times, and striving to find the positive sides of staying home/staying safe. My sympathy to all of you feeling stressed, overwhelmed and isolated. Please remember that help is out there if you need it. If you would like to be connected to people or agencies that can offer support in a variety of ways, call me at the library (453-4015) and I can get that information to you. I'm always happy to chat, too, as many of you know! I am here on Tues. 10-5, Wed 1-8, Thu 1-8 and Sat 10-1pm.

Here are some links that you might find useful:

(Please note that Addison County Mutual Aid now has a phone number: 802-377-3335).

www.addisoncountymutualaid.org

www.healthvermont.gov

www.hope-vt.org

<https://www.facebook.com/NHCLVermont>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1111139645604868/>

www.nhcl.org

<http://bit.ly/AddisonCountyResponds>

<https://www.domesticshelters.org/help/vt/middlebury/05753/womensafe>

<https://www.csac-vt.org>

Here at the library, I am working on the collection - sorting, re-classifying, weeding, etc., all with the idea of making the collection better and easier to use. I have been ordering new materials, and although deliveries have been put on hold, those will be shipped and will freshen up the collection when we re-open. (Happy day!)

Warmest wishes to you all.

Deborah Lundbech

Friends of the New Haven Library: It will be no surprise to anyone that there will be *no* Spring Book Sale coming up in May. And *no* Friends of the Library meeting on May 6. In the past the Book Sale has coincided with Green Up Day, an event that has already been postponed. When we do reschedule, it will be for some time later than the end of this month, and we hope it may not be too much later. In the meantime, continue to collect the books you'd like to add to the sale. When it finally does take place we will expect to have an even bigger selection than usual.

Norma Norland

New Haven Historical Society - There will be no meeting in May.

Planning and Zoning: We still take zoning applications and hold remote Development Review Board and Planning Commission meetings. The New Haven Planning Commission has been revising the town's subdivision and zoning regulations and has a working draft ready for public comment. We welcome your input into future development in town. Proposed changes appear in highlights. A summary of draft changes and the text are on our website under Planning and Zoning --> Draft Unified Bylaws. Here's a shortened link: <https://bit.ly/3dJ8d6V>. You can also request a hard copy by mail or pick-up by contacting the office. The best way to submit comments is by email to newhavenzoning@dmavt.net, but mail at 78 North Street works too.

New Haven Mutual Aid

We continue to monitor requests from local residents who might need help during the COVID-19 outbreak and beyond. If you need or would like assistance with:

- Grocery shopping, food delivery or pharmacy needs
- Food assistance if you are unable to meet your own or family needs
- Connection if you are feeling isolated, lonely, scared or insecure about current or future needs, there are people you can talk to!

If you need some help, please contact www.addisoncountymutualaid.org or call (802) 377-3335 and leave a message.

New Haven Kids Jump into Spring: Poster Challenge

Join us as the kids of New Haven celebrate spring. Students (and their adults) are invited to make a poster with the theme "Welcome Spring!" Free poster board and markers are available for pick up on the porch of the New Haven Congregational Church, located on the town green, Use whatever you have at home to make a colorful poster, put it in your window, take a picture, and post the photo on the New Haven Community Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1111139645604868/>.

Have a great story or photo about how you are enjoying spring break at home? Post it with a picture on the same page. Have questions or need more art supplies? Contact Pastor Abigail Diehl-Noble pastornewhavenchurch@gmail.com or call 802-282-6944 or Kim Callahan 802-453-5695

Community Connections

In light of the current COVID - 19 Pandemic, a group of community members are attempting to connect local students to their fellow New Havenites (specifically elders and those households without children in school). We have created "2 Way Postcards" as the vehicle for this conversation and connection.

The intent is that students will send a pre-addressed and stamped postcard to a community member. (we have names and addresses all ready to go!) The recipient community member would then tear off the attached second postcard (already stamped) and return it to the student.

We hope to keep this project going through May 15th. If you or someone you know could use a "2 Way Postcard-Pal" please let me know (I am pre-addressing the postcards). Kim Callahan kimc@madriver.com or 453-5695.

May 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	2 Trash & Recycle 8AM - 12PPM TG
3	4 DRB Meeting 7PM at TO	5 Selectboard Meeting 7PM TO	6	7	8	9 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM TG
10 Mothers Day	11 Planning Commission Meeting 7PM at TO	12	13	14	15	16 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM TG
17	18 DRB Meeting 7PM at TO	19 Selectboard Meeting 7PM TO	20	21	22	23 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM TG Red Cross Blood Drive TH 9am-2pm
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30 Trash & Recycle 8AM—12PM TG
31	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@gmavt.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

**** Please be advised - Some of the information within the newsletter may have changed due to COVID-19. Things are changing daily****

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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