



# Moultonborough Town News

**Summer 2020**

## **COVID-19 INFORMATION: How can I protect myself and others?**

There are steps you can take to reduce your risk of getting sick from viral respiratory infections, and help prevent transmitting infections to others, including:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
- Do not touch your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- When outside your home, keep a distance of at least 6 feet between yourself and others. This is known as social distancing.
- Stay home from work or school if you have a fever or are not feeling well.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces.
- Get a flu shot - it is not too late to be protected from flu.



## **MOULTONBOROUGH SCHOOLS MOVES TO "DISTANCE LEARNING"**

As you know, New Hampshire school buildings were closed and a state-wide stay at home order was put in place on March 18. Moultonborough Schools quickly moved to distance learning. E-mail, phone calls, Zoom meetings, Google meets, Schoology, and good old-fashioned worksheets and activities replaced face-to-face learning in a matter of days. Certainly not what we wanted, and certainly not the same as being together for school, but a way to make the best of this difficult situation.

I want to thank the Moultonborough staff, students and families for being flexible and understanding during this difficult time. I also want to thank the Moultonborough community for their support. We have been able to have students stay connected to school through technology. All students from Kindergarten through Grade 12 have a device that allows them to connect to school through the internet.

While this time has been challenging for everyone, it has been especially hard on members of the class of 2020. Many of the traditional rites of passage for seniors have been postponed indefinitely. I encourage the community to come together and celebrate the class of 2020 in new and innovative ways. The Moultonborough Academy staff are planning virtual celebrations and creative ways to honor our Senior class in the coming weeks. Please check the school website at <http://ma.sau45.org> for updates on school celebrations and events.

## **STATES LANDING BEACH AND BOAT RAMP CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

The States Landing Beach and Boat Ramp is closed for reconstruction until further notice. The boat ramp at Lee's Mill is open and available for use.

## **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY**

Moultonborough's Household Hazardous Waste Day is **Saturday, August 1, 2020** from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and is being held at the Moultonborough Highway Garage located at 68 Highway Garage Drive, Moultonborough. For more information go to [www.lakesrpc.org/serviceshhw.asp](http://www.lakesrpc.org/serviceshhw.asp) or call LRPC at 603-279-5334 or 603-279-5341.



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## MOULTONBOROUGH LIBRARY NEWS

Nancy McCue, longtime Library Director of the Moultonborough Public Library, is retiring at the end of June. Nancy grew up in North Andover, MA, and spent every summer at Lake Kanasatka. She visited the Moultonborough library every week to check out a large stack of books, never dreaming that one day she would be on the other side of the circulation desk.

Nancy started at the library in December of 1992, after completing her MLS at the University of Rhode Island while working full time at the Dimond Library at UNH. She succeeded librarian Adele Taylor, who had worked at the library for an incredible 47 years. She commented "The library has grown so much in my 27 years here. My biggest challenge was the large addition that was completed in 2006. It really changed the library and the scope of my job. We tripled the size of the library. We added more staff and more open hours, and finally had a Program Room to offer all kinds of wonderful events for patrons of all ages. We also added our incredible Children's area. One result of all this was that the NH Library Trustees Association awarded us "Best Library in the State" in 2008.

"I've certainly enjoyed my time here at the library. It's such a vital part of this terrific community. I will really miss working with the Trustees, Friends, volunteers, and especially the exceptional, dedicated staff of the library. Miss Molly and I are looking forward to spending more of our free time by the lake, with an endless stack of books."



## LAKE HOSTS AND WEED WATCHERS NEEDED

In order to continue the important work of preventing and removing invasive species from our Lakes, Ponds and Streams, your local Moultonborough Milfoil Committee is seeking Volunteers for the following positions.

### Lake Host Program

The Lake Host Program is a courtesy boat inspection and education program to help prevent the transport of invasive aquatic species like Variable Milfoil, Water Chestnut and Curly-Leaf Pondweed and animal species like Asian Clams and Zebra Mussels into, or out of our waters. Volunteer Lake Hosts staff Lee's Mills, Long Island, States Landing, and Lake Kanasatka boat ramps every weekend throughout the summer. You can help us by volunteering for as little as ½-day on a Saturday or Sunday once a month during the summer. You will be trained by and work with experienced Lake Hosts. For those young people who can commit to working at least 8 hours every weekend, or more, we also have paid Lake Host positions available. Please contact: [Lakehoststracy@gmail.com](mailto:Lakehoststracy@gmail.com).

### Volunteer Weed Watcher Program

Moultonborough volunteers play a key role in our town's Milfoil Control Program. Volunteers become our "Eyes on the water" to spot areas of Milfoil growth. You will be instructed on what to look for and how to conduct a weed survey. Volunteers will also receive a binder full of information on the program and details on the most threatening invasive plants. There is no cost to the volunteer. The only equipment a volunteer needs is access to a boat, kayak, canoe, paddle board or PWC. Please contact: [Weedwatchers.moultonborough@gmail.com](mailto:Weedwatchers.moultonborough@gmail.com).

## MILFOIL COMMITTEE NEWS

Thanks to the efforts of our Lake Hosts and Weed Watchers, combined with new treatment methods, there was good progress made in eradicating Milfoil in the waters of Moultonborough in 2019. To show how much, the Milfoil Committee's budget request has dropped from \$200,000 in 2019 to \$160,000 in 2020. A 20% reduction for taxpayers, and healthier lakes for everyone!



## NEWS FROM THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

As of the writing of this article the Recreation Department, like most other entities, is dealing with the uncertainty and challenges that the COVID-19 virus has created. Our spring programs (occurring after March 8<sup>th</sup>) were either cancelled or postponed. At this point our parks are open, but the playground equipment is closed to the public. We encourage people to get outdoors and enjoy the incredible beauty of our area while practicing safe social distancing.

In the meantime, we have been offering "Home Rec-ers" – recreation activities that can be done either at home or at a safe place. These are posted on our website for children, families, and adults! In a world of hope and optimism and believing that by June we may be moving towards normalcy, we have our summer brochure complete and on-line. As none of us have a crystal ball, we are approaching the summer as if we will be able to offer most of our programs as we normally do. However, we are coming up with alternative plans based on what we anticipate may be the situation by then. Please check out the brochure on our website [www.moultonboroughnh.gov](http://www.moultonboroughnh.gov) – and click on Recreation Dept.

Summer Day Camps, swimming lessons, tennis camps and lessons, adult pickle ball, our summer concert series, the Cabbage Island Clambake, July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and Town Wide Barbecue are just some of the programs that we are so hoping to be able to offer to you so that all can enjoy summer – and each other again.

One of our new programs this year is an adult Corn Hole League to be held on Tuesday evenings at Kraine Meadow Park. Check it out.

The new pavilion at Kraine Meadow Park - with composting toilets - is slated to be completed and open in mid-May. Again COVID-19 restrictions may impact the use of the facility. The States Landing project is in process.

Please note that whatever we are able to provide in terms of recreation programs and services will be presented with a full commitment to protect the health and safety of all of our patrons. Be well and stay safe.

## HELP US FIND YOU IN AN EMERGENCY

The E-9-1-1 numbering used in New Hampshire allows emergency services to quickly located and provide essential services to the residents, businesses and visitors occupying buildings in the Moultonborough. A key component of the system is display of the assigned E-9-1-1 number. Moultonborough's Ordinance for the Establishment of a Building Numbering System requires the following.

- All numbers shall be affixed, either vertically or horizontally, to a post or other existing fixture, tree or mailbox, but not to a utility pole, provided that the other criteria below are met. All numbers must be affixed within a height of three and a half (3.5) but not more than six (6) feet relative to the elevation of the street. All numbers shall be placed to be visible and legible from both directions of travel along the street. The item to which the numbers are affixed must be located within an area that measures from three (3) to eleven (11) feet from either side of the driveway and from six (6) to ten (10) feet away from the right of way line of the street.
- As an alternative to B. above, where a residential or commercial building is less than fifty (50) feet from the edge of the right-of-way, the number(s) may be placed on the building in an unobstructed location, easily visible from the roadway. The number(s) must be placed to be visible from both directions of travel along the street.
- All citizens are responsible to maintain their numbers to be conspicuously visible year-round.
- All numbers shall be displayed in Arabic form (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9).
- All numbers shall be black on a white background or white on a black background, reflective and a minimum of four (4) inches high.
- Island buildings (islands herein defined as land masses surrounded by water and not otherwise connected to the mainland) shall display assigned numbers as above and so they are always conspicuously visible and legible from the water.

## NEED A FIRE PERMIT?



Burning permits are required for all open burning, even when it is raining. The only time fire permit is not required is when the ground is covered with snow. Category 1 fires (aka campfires) must be 25-feet from any structure, 2-feet in diameter, surrounded by non-combustible material can be kindled at any time of the day. Category 2 fires must be 50-feet from any structure, 4-feet in diameter, surrounded by non-combustible material can only be kindled between 5pm-9am. Category 3 fires (brush piles) must be 50-feet from any structure, they can only be kindled between 5pm to 9am, unless it is raining. All fires must be attended and must be fully extinguished when you are done burning. Permit holders are required to have a means of extinguishing the fire.

Due to the COVID-19 (Corona virus) situation burning permits are available at no cost at the Public Safety Building by appointment by calling 603-476-5658 (Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), or on-line at [www.nhfirepermit.com](http://www.nhfirepermit.com). There is a \$3.00 convenience fee for on-line permits.



## TOWN-WIDE TREE TRIMMING

As part of the Highway Department's road maintenance program, it becomes necessary to cut roadside overgrowth from trees and brush. This cutting allows for the town's right of way to be open/clear of obstruction and allows the sunshine to reach the roadway surface, and prevent the tree limbs and side growth brush from obstructing the roadways clear zone. The cutting operation consists of the removal of roadside brush or saplings, and overhang which hangs within the right of way. The area which will receive cutting will be within the town's right

of way which is usually 33' to 50' in width and is measured from the center of the roadway (ex: 25' from center, 16'6"center) or from stonewall to stonewall, and a height of approximately 14'. Please note that limbs within the 14' height area will be cut back to the limbs base, located at the tree's trunk. This practice has been recommended by a local arborist, who advises that this practice will allow the tree to have a greater opportunity to heal, versus cutting the limb away from the trunk, which will cause the limb to die. We are expecting to conduct cutting on many town roads sometime during the spring, summer and fall months, weather permitting. In preparation we will be flagging the trees slated for cutting. We would ask that if you should have a concern regarding the cutting of trees/limbs adjacent to your property, please contact the Public Works Office at 603-253-7445, so we can review your concerns and our anticipated cutting plan(s).

## NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

As Town Assessor I plan to continue assessing properties within the town equitably and fairly with your neighbors in accordance with the New Hampshire Laws and Rules and keep the assessing process transparent and open.

Whitney Consulting Group, LLC (WCG) continues to work in town for 2020. They are contracted to complete a statistical town-wide update of values and measure and list 20% of the town over the next five years. The update process involves: analyzing recent qualified sales; comparing the sale price to the assessed value; implementing and testing new land and building models to reflect the ever-changing market; create new tables to reflect the State of New Hampshire, Department of Revenues ratio specification; to treat all properties fairly and equitable; and, recalculate new values utilizing the newly established models. Letters with the 2020 newly established preliminary values are scheduled to be mailed to property owners during the summer. The informal hearings will be scheduled some time in August at the Town Hall, this process is an opportunity to give taxpayers an understanding of how property is assessed, the sales utilized to establish the new values, and answer any questions they may have. The cyclical process involves: WCG visiting 20% of the town's property annually over the next five years to confirm the measurements of all buildings and to ensure the interior data is accurate.

There is additional information on the town's website, various forms and applications can also be downloaded and the public can review tax maps, property record cards or link to the on-line database. The Carroll County Registry of Deeds is also on-line! You can search for recorded documents at [www.nhdeeds.com](http://www.nhdeeds.com). Please feel free to contact our office, if we can assist you in any way. We look forward to continuing working with you and for you.

## PRESCRIPTION & NON-PRESCRIPTION DRUG RETURN EVERY DAY

There is a Med Return drop box in the lobby of the Town's Public Safety Building, citizens can drop off unwanted and expired prescriptions or non-prescription drugs during open lobby hours. Those hours are generally 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. **NO LIQUIDS OR NEEDLES ALLOWED.** The program is anonymous and no questions or requests for identification are made. The drugs are regularly removed from the box by Police personnel and properly disposed of. Questions about this effort may be directed to Det. Peter John at 603-476-2400 or [pjohn@moultonboroughnh.gov](mailto:pjohn@moultonboroughnh.gov).

Information about how to dispose of medical sharps is available at [www.moultonboroughnh.gov](http://www.moultonboroughnh.gov) (Click on Departments, then Transfer Station) or you can call the Transfer Station at 603-476-8800.

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## REMAINING HOLIDAYS IN 2020

Friday, July 3rd	Independence Day
Monday, September 7th	Labor Day
Monday, October 12th	Columbus Day
Wednesday, November 11th	Veteran's Day
Thursday, November 26th	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 27th	Day After Thanksgiving
Friday, December 25th	Christmas Day

## FIREWORK ORDINANCE

Fireworks are limited to the hours between 12 Noon and 10:00 p.m. Exceptions are two holidays, as recognized by the Town: (1) the 4<sup>th</sup> of July: limited use to 12 Noon to 12 Midnight; (2) New Year, limited use to 12 Noon to up to 15 minutes past midnight of the holiday. **Fireworks are not permitted on any Town property including beaches.**