

## September 2020 Update on Corona Virus Impacts to Pomfret

### Pomfret Friends and Neighbors,

I hope this finds you well. The Town of Pomfret is working to keep up with the rapidly changing landscape and serve all our residents in a timely manner. We are continuously monitoring the situation and taking all necessary precautions to ensure the health and safety of our residents, Town Hall, Library, and DPW employees. Below is the latest information on how we are adapting our schedules to continue to assist all members of our community.

- The **Town Hall** will remain closed to the public until the end of 2020. Our Town Hall staff will be in the building from 8:30 am until 5 pm Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. On Wednesday we will be in until 6 pm. The **Tax Collector** is taking payments through a window on the front porch of the Town Hall. We will be checking e-mail and telephone messages often and working to keep things as normal as possible. 860-974-0343.
- A reminder from the **Tax Office**: Motor Vehicle, Personal Property and the 1st installment of Real Estate taxes are due by October 1, 2020. Your payment needs to be paid online (there is a convenience fee), received in the tax office or postmarked by *October 1, 2020* to avoid a penalty of 6%.
- The **Town Clerk's Office-Absentee Ballots**: Absentee Ballot Applications for the November 3, 2020 Election are being mailed to every registered voter in Pomfret by mid-September. Please, complete your application if wish to vote by absentee ballot due to COVID-19, your absence from the Town during all hours of voting on election day, due to illness or disability, or military service. Completed applications should be deposited in the secure Official Ballot Box on the porch at the Town Hall or mailed to the Pomfret Town Clerk at: 5 Haven Road, Pomfret Center, CT 06259. The absentee ballot is optional, voting in person will still take place at the Pomfret Community School Auditorium on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.
- All other services of **Town Clerk's Office** are being provided by phone, email, or mail. When necessary an appointment can be made to handle certain services such as applying for a marriage license and notarizing documents on the porch at the Town Hall. Other documents can be handled by calling our office from the outside of the Town Hall to notify us that you wish to leave your documents for recording and depositing them through the slot on the front door. **Please, call the Town Clerk's Office at 860 315-5730 for appointments, information, or questions.**
- All in person **Senior Programs** and activities at the Pomfret Community Center have been cancelled until the end of 2020. TVCCA is providing seniors 3 meals a week and TEEG is distributing them on Tuesday between 9 and 10:30 am. TEEG is providing activities and projects each week for seniors in a drive-through format. For more information call TEEG at 860-923-3458 or go to the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SeniorCenterPomfret/>
- The Pomfret **Food Pantry** is open on Mondays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and by appointment by calling 860-928-2309. The Pantry is located at the back of and in the basement of the Community Center at 207 Mashamoquet Road. Social

distancing and mask wearing will be enforced. The **TEEG Mobil Food Pantry** will offer a distribution on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM – Noon at the Pomfret Town Hall. All are welcome to stop by.

- The town's **Veteran Representative** will continue hours on Saturday mornings from 7:00-8:30 AM at the Senior Center. Safety precautions are in place. If in-person appointments are necessary, counseling will be at a safe distance (6' conference table), one person at a time, and a face masks are mandatory. Calling before would be greatly appreciated to minimize waiting. 860-928-2309.
- The **Pomfret Public Library** is open regular hours, in addition to providing curb side service. Social distancing and mask wearing will be enforced. The children's room is open to one family group at a time. The new Education Resource Center will open in September, to assist families who are schooling at home. 860-928-3475
  - It's a good time to make use of Library online services from Overdrive and Hoopla. You'll need your 14-digit library card number to set up your account. Email [librarian@pomfretlibrary.org](mailto:librarian@pomfretlibrary.org) if you can't find your card and need to know your number.
  - Check the library website and Facebook regularly for current virtual events.  
<https://www.pomfretlibrary.org/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/Pomfret-Public-Library-74549089080/>
- Pomfret **Recreation Department** is offering limited programs and updates can be found on the Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/Pomfretrecreationdepartment/>  
You can also download all Pomfret Recreation Dept. Flyers and registration forms at: [www.Pomfretct.gov/recreation](http://www.Pomfretct.gov/recreation)
- Pomfret **Department of Public Works** is still working repairing roads, mowing ROWs, and maintaining town facilities. 860-974-3358
- The **Pomfret Community School** is open, and students are operating on a hybrid schedule. Please check in at <https://www.pomfretcommunityschool.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pomfret-Community-School/686236961495651> for more information.
- All are advised to follow the **Town's website** <https://www.pomfretct.gov/> for information and updates and sign up for **E-Alerts** on the homepage for immediate updates by email as well as the PCS website: <https://www.pomfretcommunityschool.org/>
- COVID-19 is an emerging, evolving situation and the State of Connecticut <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus> - and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html> - provide updated information as it becomes available, in addition to updated guidance.

- If you are in doubt about **health questions**, we encourage you to contact your healthcare provider or local health department (<https://www.nddh.org>)
- **Cyber Security** Be very careful about possible email scams and imitation web sites with attached malware. Visit only known legitimate websites and open email from known sources only. Do not click on unknown links.

Thank you for your ongoing vigilance and patience while we continue to act to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Staying home, wearing a mask, frequent hand washing, along with social distancing are our best defense. We are all in this together. Let's look out for each other.

Be cautious, be careful, be considerate.

Maureen Nicholson  
First Selectman

*If you need further information not addressed above, please call me at **860-214-9755**. I am available 24//7.*