

Pomfret Friends and Neighbors,

A weekly update will be posted here to bring you the most current Town information and answer your questions. There are 32 confirmed Covid 19 case in Windham County and 3 persons in Pomfret. Please continue to practice social distancing to protect yourself and those around you, and our most vulnerable members of our community. The virus can be transmitted when an individual has no symptoms.

Please remember to sign up for [CTAlerts](#) and [E-Alerts](#) on the Town's homepage www.pomfretct.gov.

**Our Town Hall, Library, Community Center, and
Recreation Park / Fields will remain closed until further notice.
Pomfret Community School will be closed until at least April 20, 2020.**

- **Town Hall** is closed to the public; staff continue to be in Town Hall to check email and phone messages from 8:30 am - noon on Monday and Wednesday and remotely from home other hours. The Town Clerk is available M-Th 8:30 – 1 pm.
- **Bulky Waste Disposal Days, April 24 and 25**, have not been cancelled to date but a final decision will be made next week. If we do hold the event, residents must be prepared to unload their own vehicles. No Swap Stop will be held.
- All **Senior Programs** at the Community Center are canceled until further notice. TVCCA continues to provide 3 meals a week and TEEG is distributing them on Tuesday from 10 - 10:30 am. They must be pre-ordered. Call TEEG at 860-923-3458 to sign up. Meals can be delivered on a limited basis to seniors and those who are shut in.
 - **Dial-a-Ride** service for elderly and disabled persons is available in Pomfret. This service is available to anyone 60 years of age and older and to people of all ages. Call 860-774-3902.
- The Pomfret **Food Pantry** hours are Monday 5:30 - 6:30 pm and Tuesday 11:30 am- 12:30 pm, and by appointment. Call Garry Brown at 860-928-2309. Pre-selected and boxed food can be picked up at the door. The Pantry is located at the back of the Community Center. Pomfret residents may also utilize the TEEG Food Pantry at 15 Thatcher Road in North Grosvenordale by calling 860-923-3458.
- **Mobil Food Pantry.** TEEG will offer a food distribution day on April 21 from 10 am until noon at the Town Hall. Please call TEEG or the Selectman's office at 860-974-0191 for more information. All residents are welcome.
- The **Pomfret Public Library** is closed until further notice.
 - 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 if you need assistance. Check the library website and Facebook page regularly – library staff will keep adding info and resources, story time and other information of interest.
- Pomfret **Recreation Department** in-person activities and programs are cancelled until further notice. There will be an online cooking class offered April 18.

- Pomfret **Recreation Park / Fields are closed until further notice.**
- Pomfret **Department of Public Works** is working repairing roads, clearing brush/trees, and maintaining town facilities and vehicles.
- The **Pomfret Community School** is closed until at least April 20, 2020, the office is staffed M-F 8-12.
 - The Food Services Program, run by EASTCONN, will continue to provide meals during the school closure to students and siblings under the age of 18. Meals will be available at the cafeteria door at PCS on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 am to 9:00 am, unless otherwise noticed. Please stay in your vehicle, someone will come out to you.
- **Town Boards and Commissions:** All meetings, except Boards of Finance, Selectmen, and Education, have been cancelled to date. We are going to virtual meetings on ZOOM.us . Meeting access information will be posted on the agenda. Meetings will still allow for public participation and input either by phone or internet.
 - Particular attention is being given to the 2020-2021 Budget process. Weekly phone meetings are being held with BOE and BOF chairs, PCS Superintendent, and myself to keep the budget process moving forward in an open and transparent fashion.
 - Proposed budgets are posted on the Town's website and comments/questions are sought from residents to assist in determining how taxpayers feel about next year's budget. Take a minute to weigh in on the online **2020-2021 Budget Survey**. The survey will be online until April 20. www.pomfretct.gov
- The **Assessor's Office** and Revaluation. Contact: 860-974-1674
 - All inspections in Pomfret are up to date for the current revaluation. Efforts towards sending out data mailers for April 1 rather than June are in process. The data mailers have an April 30 return date.
- The **Land Use Offices** are available by phone (860-974-9135), email, or appointment.
 - Planning & Zoning, and Inland Wetlands and Watercourses applications are available online and can be dropped off in the box in the vestibule of back door at the Town Hall. The Zoning and Wetlands Enforcement Officer, Ryan Brais, is available by email: rbrais301@hotmail.com
- The **Building Official Office** Joe Pajak is available by phone (860-974-2972), email buildingofficial@pomfretct.gov , or appointment.
 - Permit applications are available online and can be dropped off in the box in the vestibule of back door at the Town Hall.

- All interior residential inspections for single family homes and occupied multi-family units are suspended until further notice. Outdoor inspections for residential properties will continue at this time. New commercial construction inspections will continue at this time.

To schedule any inspections for outdoor residential properties or commercial construction, please email the buildingofficial@pomfretct.gov.

- The **Fire Marshal**, Norm Perron, is available by phone (860-974-2972), email firemarshal@pomfretct.gov, or appointment.
- Please visit the **Town's website** <https://www.pomfretct.gov/> and sign up for **E-Alerts** and **CTAlerts** as well as the PCS website: <https://www.pomfretcommunityschool.org/>
- COVID-19 is an emerging, rapidly evolving situation. 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. **Call 2-1-1** for questions about the virus.
- 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 email scams and imitation web sites related to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 with attached malware. Visit only know legitimate websites and open email from known sources only. Do not click on unknow links. Be aware that Cyber actors, hacker groups, and other digital criminals are attempting to exploit the worldwide COVID-19 situation through a variety of scams which prey upon your fears or take advantage of your altruism.

Stay safe, Stay well. Stay home. Please.

Thank you for your understanding and patience while we work to protect each other from the spread of the coronavirus. Our world is changing, and our sense of connection and purpose is challenged. While staying home is the best course of action it isn't easy. We are in this together and all around us we are witnessing tremendous acts of kindness and sacrifice that reassures us that there is a light at the end of this tunnel. Be assured town and school employees are working to address your needs and keep our town running and responding to the daily changes and your needs in any way we can.

Maureen Nicholson
First Selectman

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