

THE MILTON GAZETTE



March 2020

News from the Town of Milton, New Hampshire

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As a town, Milton has always been a strong community full of spirit and pride. It is at times like this, that our hidden talents emerge and our community ties grow even stronger. If you have a something to offer, or something that you would love to share to help those less fortunate navigate these very trying times, we encourage you to reach out. If you have a neighbor that could use a lending hand or a little support, please take the time to offer it. No matter how big or little it is, you never know how your kindness will impact someone else. You might be the only person who has reached out, to see if they are ok or if they need a little help. When we spread kindness, it enriches all our lives! Stay strong we got this!

The following message was posted to our Town of Milton Website on 3-23-2020, and will be updated as necessary as information changes or as we received information pertinent to our residents. You can stay informed by logging on to www.miltonnh-us.com.

As we continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation, the Town of Milton is committed to the continued health and safety of our residents as well as our employees. We intend to serve and work alongside the residents of Milton. In efforts to slow the illness you will find several adjustments to town offices. We ask for your understanding and corporation regarding these changes and adjustments as well as any that may continue in the upcoming days.

A MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

To keep both the general public and Town of Milton employees safe and to enable us to provide as many services as possible during this unprecedented crisis, safety guidelines as set forth by the Center for Disease Control will be applied and adhered to at all times. If at any time a member of the general public fails to adhere to these guidelines, we will be left with no choice other than to notify the Milton Police Department. We take your well-being seriously and hope that you will provide our hard-working staff the same level of concern and respect. We will get through these unusual times if we work together. Conversely, if anyone working for the Town of Milton fails to adhere to the following guidelines, please call me immediately on my cell phone at (603) 545-4956. Thank you.

Ernest M. Cartier Creveling Town Administrator

Direct Line: (603) 652-4501 ext. 1 Cell Phone: (603) 545-4956 E-mail: miltonta@miltonnh-us.com COVID-19 Resources

WHAT MUNICIPALITIES SHOULD KNOW ABOUT CORONA-VIRUS - 2019 (COVID-19)

The New Hampshire Municipal Association is providing these resources from federal and state agencies in order to assist cities and towns in developing appropriate responses at the local level regarding COVID-19.

New resources and/or information added to this webpage are highlighted in yellow for your convenience.

QUICK LINKS TO STATE AND FEDERAL WEBSITES:

NH DPHS: https://www.nh.gov/covid19/

NH HSEM: https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/hsem/ index.html

CDC: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

QUICK REFERENCE HOTLINES:

People with general questions on COVID-19 to this phone number: 2-1-1

Callers will reach a phone menu, and then select the 'COVID' option to reach a live operator. Callers should expect to wait patiently for many minutes to reach an operator.

Report any <u>suspect cases</u> of COVID-19 (via exposure or travel) to the DPHS at these phone numbers:

During the day, call 603-271-4496 (office hours from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM) or 603-271-5300 (only after hours). Caller should expect to leave a message with an operator, or leave a voice mail, and wait patiently for a return call within a few hours.

Direct sick people (i.e. symptomatic with fever, cough or shortness of breath) to call their healthcare provider:

If they don't have a provider, they can call an urgent care clinic and ask for an evaluation.



News from Milton Town Hall

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If you have NON-Emergency COVID-19 related questions, please call 211, a state hotline staffed 24/7 specifically for informational purposes. Additional up to date information can also be found at https://www.nh.gov/covid19/

POLICE DEPARTMENT: ALL EMERGENCIES CALL 911 • All other non-emergency matters call dispatch at (603) 652-4500 or the Police Department at (603) 652-4514. • The Police Department building will be closed to all non-essential personnel and to the public for walk in services. • No non-arrest fingerprinting, pistol permit requests will be completed, please utilize the online module at www.miltonnhpd.com • Milton Police Officers will continue to assist your needs and ask you to call if you need.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: ALL EMERGENCIES CALL 911 • The Fire Department building is closed to all non-essential personnel until further notice. • Email and call with non-emergency questions nickmarique@miltonfirerescue.com (603) 652-4201 • Fire permits will be available online only until further notice. www.nhfirepermit.com ASSESSING DEPARTMENT • The Assessing office will be closed to the public but will have limited available by phone at (603) 652-4501 x6. • Property assessing cards are available online at https://www.miltonnh-us.com/assessingdepartment or by calling the assessing office for more information. • Tax Exemption applications and Intent to Cut applications are also available online.

BUILDING INSPECTION/ LAND USE/ PLANNING/ ZONING: All permit applications are available online at https://www.miltonnhus.com/codeenforcement/pages/permit-fees-and-applications • There is a DROP BOX available outside the town office to submit any applications.
• Inspections of on-going work will be done on a case-by-case basis. • Please contact the Building Inspector at (603) 652-4501 x7 or email building-codes@miltonnh-us.com or Land Use Clerk at (603) 652-4501 x5 or email landuse@miltonnh-us.com • Please call regarding any new land use applications. • Land Use Board meetings will be determined. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT • Contact (603) 652-9891 for further information.

<u>HUMAN SERVICES (WELFARE) DEPARTMENT</u>: All interviews, appointments and questions by phone or email, at client preference. • Please contact the Human Services Director at (603) 652-4501 x9 or at welfare@miltonnhus.com.

<u>LIBRARY</u>: The Milton Free Public Library is closed to public use. • The Drop Box can still be utilized and will be checked daily. • For more information please contact (603) 473-8535 or mfpl@metrocast.net

RECREATION DEPARTMENT: There will be no recreational events including senior events until further notice. • All events, meetings and club activities taking place at the Emma Ramsey Center are canceled. • Milton Town Beach and Playground will also be closed for public use. • For more information please

contact the Recreation Director at (603) 652-4501 x8 or recreation@miltionnh-us.com

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR: Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office will be taking appointments only starting Wednesday March 25th, 2020 until further notice and/or reassessed by the Board of Selectmen. Please use the online or mail services we offer and allow those individuals that absolutely need to come into the office an opening. For new transactions, the Governor has authorized the extension of all temporary plates issued after March 1st to April 30, 2020 Online Services include: • Motor vehicle/ trailer renewals • Dog Licensing • Vital Record requests with a scanned copy of your photo ID • Transfer station decals • Tax Payments

Mail/Drop Off Box Services include: ***please include a postage paid envelope for return*** • Motor vehicle/ trailer renewals with renewal notices previously mailed/emailed • Dog Licensing (provide last years tag #) • Transfer station decals with a copy of your vehicle registration • Tax Payments

Michelle Beauchamp Town Clerk/Tax Collector (603) 652-4501x3 townclerktaxcollector@miltonnh-us.com

TOWN HALL: The Town Hall will be closed to the public until March 25th with reevaluation as needed. • There will be no public meetings unless directed in an emergency status by the Board of Selectmen, also not limiting ZBA or Planning Boards as they continue to operate on case by case situations. • Further information, questions and concerns please contact Town Administrator Ernie reveling at miltonta@miltonnh-us.com or (603) 545-4956.

TRANSFER STATION: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Milton Transfer Station will operate on its regular schedule with the following changes. Milton Transfer Station will only be accepting MSW (Household Trash and Comingles (Plastics) until further notice. There will also be a limited number of customers at the compactors at one time. The Transfer Station attendant will give instructions as to what to do when you arrive. We appreciate your support and patience during these trying times. For any further questions please contact: Ernie Creveling (Town Administrator) @ (603) 545-4956 or miltonta@miltonnh-us.com.

ALL UPDATES AND CHANGES WILL CONTINUE TO BE POSTED TO WWW.MILTONNH-US.COM

Additional Important Information

PROTECT YOURSELF

from Coronavirus



Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds—or use hand sanitizer









Follow travel recommendations from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

CDC's recommendations for using a facemask:



only for people who show symptoms and healthcare workers www.cdc.gov



Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash

For updates or more information stanfordhealthcare.org/covid19



Create a household plan of action to help protect your health and the health of those you care about in the event of an outbreak of COVID-19 in your community:

Talk with the people who need to be included in your plan, and discuss what to do if a COVID-19 outbreak occurs in your

Plan ways to care for those who might be at greater risk for serious complications, particularly older adults and those with severe chronic medical conditions like heart, lung or kidney disease.

- Make sure they have access to several weeks of medications and supplies in case you need to stay home for prolonged periods of time.
- Get to know your neighbors and find out if your neighborhood has a website or social media page to stay
- Create a list of local organizations that you and your household can contact in the event you need access to information, healthcare services, support, and resources.

Create an emergency contact list of family, friends, neighbors, carpool drivers, health care providers, teachers, employers, the local public health department, and other community resources.

How Can We Help as Neighbors?

The new coronavirus has led many people to retreat from social interaction amid recommendations from public health officials. But limited or no physical contact with others does not mean it's completely hopeless to offer help in your community.

Here are five ways you can assist others during the coronavirus outbreak.

(1) Lend a hand to higher-risk neighbors

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention stated older adults and people with chronic medical conditions including diabetes, lung disease and heart disease are at higher risk of contracting the new virus.

If you have loved ones or neighbors in this group, offer to pick up prescriptions for them or go grocery shopping to help them stock their pantry.

(2) Donate money to food banks

Closures of Atlanta Public Schools means that students won't be in the cafeteria to eat free breakfasts and lunches that are typically provided to them. The school district has opened five meal distribution sites, which will begin offering families shelfstable grocery items from the Atlanta Community Food Bank on March 23. Donating to the food bank will help support the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

(3) Support Small Local Businesses

The coronavirus has forced small businesses owners to rethink the ways they conduct business — especially when face-toface interactions are now off the table. Town and Coutry recommends buying gift cards from your favorite local shops. Some stores offer products online, so that can be an option, too.

(4) Donate blood

The American Red Cross is urging "healthy, eligible individuals to schedule a blood, platelet or AB Elite plasma donation appointments." The organization wants to maintain an adequate supply of blood product to avoid any possible shortages.

(5) Avoid social contact as much as possible

Practice social distancing. The CDC previously stated that "local communities may employ tools that encourage" it. Now, there have been bans on large gatherings across the country to limit public gatherings to 10 people in an effort to stop the coronavirus from spreading.

Together we can fight this virus, and stand strong as a community. There are many local organizations who need your help to get through this crisis. If we each do a little, together, it will add up to a lot! Thank you for your help!

News From Our Schools

Updated Contact Information

Meals Eligibility:

All students in Milton under the age of 18, including any students who are homeschooled, are eligible for the free breakfast and lunch meals. These meals are available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Meals can be picked up at the Nute Kitchen from 1:00 to 2:00 pm or at the bus stops at the times listed below. If you have any questions, please call Nute at (603) 652-4591 or at MES at (603) 652-4539.

Celtics Route	
2:24 -	Porter Road
2:25 -	890 White Mountain Highway
2:28 -	Pineland Park
2:31 -	Mica Terrace/Mi-Te-Jo Campground
2:34 -	Seavy Drive
2:35 -	1091 White Mtn Hwy & 1176 White Mtn
2:36 -	Winn Landscape/White Mtn Hwy
2:37 -	Northeast Pond Road
2:38 -	Sue Ellen Way
2:43 -	Allan Hastings Way
Red Sox Route	
2:23 -	Elm Street
2:26 -	Route 75 & Governors Road
2:28 -	Hare Road
2:29 -	Briar Ridge Road & Jennifer Drive
2:30 -	Jennifer Drive & Sleeping Bear
2:31 -	Sleeping Bear
2:33 -	Hare Road (#87 - 171)
2:37 -	Park Place (#93 - 175)
2:41 -	Silver Street/Gold Street (#73 - 98)
2:46 -	Farmington Rd/Rte.153 (#69 Dames Brook)
2:49 -	Hare Road (#448-292)
2:52 -	Thurston Road
2:54 -	Governors Road (#242 -72)

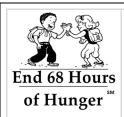
Bruins Bus Route	
2:25 -	Teneriffe Road
2:27 -	Ford Farm Road
2:29 -	Grandview Road
2:28 -	Silver Street
2:31 -	Winding Road
2:33 -	Heron Circle
2:35 -	Evergreen Road
2:38 -	Route 75
2:40 -	Nutes Road
2:44 -	Cross Road
2:47 -	Old Wakefield Road
2:50 -	Route 125
Patriots Route	
2:35 -	Applebee Road
2:40 -	Main Street & Applebee Road
2:42 -	Jug Hill Road, near PO at Intersection
2:47 -	Berry Road
2:52 -	Jug Hill Road
2:56 -	Western Avenue & Church Street
2:58 -	Willey Road to Town Line
Thank you, Jan Radowicz Principal, Nute Middle High School	



Public Notice
Nute High School & Library
22 Elm Street
Milton, NH 03851

The Milton School Board and Administration will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 commencing at 6:00 pm in the Community Room at Nute High School & Library. The meeting will be held remotely and you will be able to listen and view the meeting at the location mentioned above. If you have any questions or comments, please forward them to douglas.shute@sau64.org.

Additional School & Community Information



A Message from Laura Noseworthy & Milton's End 68 Hours of Hunger



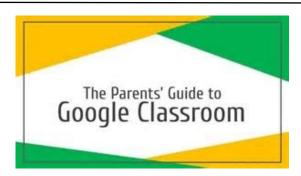
Good Morning residents of Milton we need your help. A lot of the programs are already having trouble getting the food they need as the stores are not letting us buy in bulk. We need Mac n Cheese, pasta, spaghetti sauce, boxes of cereal or bags, cans of soup, cans of meat, instant potatoes, rice or pasta roni packets, peanut butter, jelly crackers, granola bars, cookie packs, and fruit cups.

I will be at Milton Community Church 3/28 at 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM, donors can drop off all donations at the door that faces MES. My car will be parked there. That will give everyone that wants to donate the week to pick up exta items when they are out buying their own groceries. I don't want people to make special trips for this as we really just need to be staying home.

A Message from PTA President, Brenda Forcier

The April PTA meeting has tentatively been rescheduled until April 8th. The PTA Book Swap is cancelled.

The calendars should still be sold, children can return all calendars and money to the school on the first day that we have school. We will then start pulling winners a week after the date school has resumed. If people need more calendars they can pick them up this week from the front office at the elementary school.



DOCS.GOOGLE.COM



YOUTUBE.COM - How to use Google Hangouts Beginners Guide - message, video call and phone calls.

From Milton SAU Office:

Please be aware that at a press conference on March 15th, Governor Sununu and the Department of Education Commissioner Edelblut directed all schools in NH to close for one week to prepare ad implement remote learning for our students. Therefore as of Monday, March 16th trough Friday, April 3rd, both MES and Nute Middle High School will be closed.

For the week of March 16th through March 20, the staff of the Milton Schools will be planning and preparing how to best provide for and support students in remote learning. This will begin no later than Monday, March 23rd.

On April 3rd, the governor's office and DOE will reevaluate conditions in the state and make a determination on next steps. At this point, the remote learning period may be extended beyond April 3rd.

We are currently in the planning and implementation process to provide a program to ensure students currently in the free or reduced lunch program continue to receive this opportunity. In addition, appropriate prescriptive planning is also being done for those students receiving special education services. Families needing these types of support will be contacted directly as these plans are developed. There are also concerned parents and community members developing plans to assist parents with childcare needs.

As we implement the remote learning plan, it is vital for you to complete the technology survey that was sent home on Friday. The link for an online survey you can use to complete this at home is https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSfT7PgJbGsBYfOTPDC8HpX8pupBpnbfiXY8FQJLiN-EWt4Rw/viewform?usp=sf_link. If you cannot access this link, please drop the survey off at the main office of your child's school or email it to us at jan.radowicz@sau64.org or john.safina@sau64.org.

Through continued teamwork and mutual support, we will be able to assist all students through this difficult time.

Earl Sussman, Superintendent SAU #64 Jan Radowicz, Principal Nute Middle High School John Safina, Milton Elementary School

A message from Nute Middle High School & Library:

There are links for video tutorials below. There is also a link to join a free webinar on K-6 learning resources to use at home. **Google Hangouts**: https://www.youtube.com/watch?

Google Hangouts: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lfZ1Wyltxjo

<u>Google Classroom</u>: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xfgqtCi7hdo

Family Friendly K-6 Learning Resources to use at home:

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7582970363094748684