

## WHAT IS HAPPENING IN TOWN AND COVID-19

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Dear Residents of New Marlborough:

We hope that this message finds you well and that you are taking all of the precautions issued by the State, CDC, Dept of Public Health and Dept of Health to keep yourself, your family and others safe.

This is a trying time and we are lucky that we can enjoy the outside by walking on the trails in the Town or just going out our back doors. Our local restaurants are closed, but they are offering takeout menus and we thank all of them for doing this. Our farm stands continue to offer meats, eggs and other food products. Please support all of them so that when this is over, they will still be there for us.

The Town Hall is closed to the public, but staff is still going in and working on the day-to-day tasks keeping the Town running smoothly. Tax payments can be dropped off in the drop box outside of the Town Hall (checks only) or payments can be made on-line. If you have any questions, you can call 229-8116 and we will return your call as quickly as possible.

All meetings will be done virtually. This has been a challenge this first week as the telecommunication systems have been overwhelmed with so many businesses turning to this form of communication. We are working on this and will get you further information so you may stay informed with Board & Committee meetings.

The Transfer Station is open with normal hours. However, the Swap Shop is closed. If you have items that are good, hold on to them. When we get through this, there may be residents that need them. Otherwise, you can throw them into the construction container. The Library is closed, but is still doing curbside pickup.

Massachusetts 2-1-1 should be used for information on COVID-19. This line is staffed 24/7 by operators.

The 2020 Census can still be filled out on-line ([my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov)). This would be a good time to fill this out so everyone is counted in New Marlborough and we receive our share of federal fund for schools, roads, emergency readiness and the correct representation on all government levels.

The Board of Health is posting updated information regularly on the Town's website:  
[www.newmarlboroughma.gov](http://www.newmarlboroughma.gov)

Lastly, our elderly and those who live alone may be feeling anxious and alone. A simply phone call to them could really make them feel they are not alone in this time of uncertainty.