Now that we’ve entered a new month, we’re going to get back into Weekly Update mode on Fridays. We will be discontinuing the daily COVID-19 update, and return to regular releases of program, event and general information updates on the Town and Departmental website and Facebook pages. We will also be providing COVID-19 updates as the situation requires, including updates on how we are managing the response here in Cohasset.

So, as we wrap up early April, here are a few things to note:

1. **The Board of Selectmen has changed the dates for Annual Town Meeting and the Annual Town Election.** The new date for **Town Meeting will be Monday, June 22**, and the new date for the **Town Election will be Saturday, June 27**. Both events had originally been scheduled for early May. An updated calendar for article review is currently being prepared.

2. **For the first time the Board of Selectmen met virtually** on the Zoom platform this week, with the meeting simultaneously broadcast on Cohasset143 TV as well as Facebook live. The Board is scheduled to conduct virtual meetings again on April 14 and April 28, with the meetings again available on Cohasset143 TV and Facebook live. At the meeting the Board received an update from the Town’s emergency management team; approved new dates for Town Meeting and the Town Election; formally suspended all public event permits through May 4; and reviewed pending state legislation which would allow for a change in the collection date for property taxes and other bills, among other emergency actions.

3. **The RTF will open on Fridays exclusively for residents age 60 and up, as well as those with other health issues.** While face-to-face sales of the blue bags required for household trash are not currently taking place at the RTF to protect staff, **Hingham Lumber will provide curbside pick-up or delivery of blue bags for interested residents**. Blue bags are also available at Shaw’s, Stop & Shop, and Fiori’s Gulf station at the corner of Beechwood Street and 3A. Revenue from the sale of blue bags helps pay for the costs of operating the RTF and complies with state requirements of a pay-per-throw household waste collection program.

4. **Thanks to all who took part in “Spirit Week,”** sponsored by Cohasset Recreation. From wearing your Cohasset gear to photos of your favorite things, the week was fun for all. Attached are some photos from the virtual event.

5. **COVID-19 isn't just having a physical impact on our lives, it's impacting mental health as well.** Fortunately, there are many organizations offering help for those who need it – the attached list, compiled by the Cohasset Police Department, includes contact information for a variety of resources for those managing stress, depression, and addiction issues. The Town is also working with local mental health professionals to provide resources for residents, which we hope to share in the weeks ahead.

   Many thanks to Cohasset Safe Harbor for a great program this week providing help for parents trying to get through to their kids on the need for social distancing. Safe Harbor will be running additional virtual programs over the coming weeks.
Miss the library? Just jump on-line and get everything from e-books and movies to Facebook Live! Storytime with Miss Meghan. Visit the Library at https://www.cohassetlibrary.org/ for both virtual events updates and all the information you can access on-line!

Many thanks to everyone for following the guidance and directives from the Centers for Disease Control and the Mass Department of Public Health.

Please continue to support Cohasset local businesses – visit the Cohasset Chamber for more: https://www.cohassetchamber.org/


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