



FAIRLEE NEWSLETTER

COVID-19 UPDATE

April 2020

UPDATE: FOOD SOURCES

Wing's is offering curbside pickup. Telephone Wing's (333-9790) with your order. After your order has been gathered, Wing's will return your call and ask you to pay over the telephone. When you arrive at Wing's to pick up your order, call again; a staff person will bring your package outside and go back into the store, practicing social distancing and allowing you to put it into your vehicle without coming within 6 feet. (Thank you, Wing's!)

Hannaford's allows no more than 120 individuals in the store at a time, has plastic barriers separating cashiers from customers, and has established one-way walking on food aisles. Wear a mask and gloves. Signs throughout the store urge social distancing. (Thank you, Hannaford's!)

Root 5 Farm is once again offering its CSA program with initial delivery at Chapman's planned for May 12th. Root 5 Farm is still accepting CSA subscriptions at <https://www.root5farm.com/csa-shares.html>. (Thank you, Root 5 Farm!)

Leda's is open for curbside take-out Wednesday through Sunday from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. (333-4783) Leda's provides a discount for cash payments. (Thank you, Leda's!) **Samurai Soul, The Lunch Box, and the Fairlee Diner** are closed. (We miss you!)

The **Fairlee/Orford Food Shelf** is available by appointment only; call Georgette Wolf-Ludwig at 333-0187. For public safety and health during the COVID-19 pandemic, it is preferable for the Food Shelf to distribute Wing's food cards which can be used for food and household items but not alcohol, tobacco products, or gasoline.

The **Food Shelf welcomes cash contributions.** Checks should be mailed to Fairlee/Orford Food Shelf, PO Box 95, Fairlee, VT, 05045.

UPDATE: PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Fairlee Library is closed. Its Wi-Fi is available 24-7 and can be accessed from its parking lot. At this time, please do not return books to the book drop; keep materials at home.

Audio books and eBooks are available and can be borrowed through Green Mountain Library Consortium (<https://gmlc.overdrive.com/>). For your library card number and password for eBook/audio book downloads, email fairlee.library@gmail.com.

UPDATE: POST OFFICE

The Postal Service is an essential service. **Fairlee's Post Office is open** from 9:00 AM to 4:15 PM during the week (with a break for lunch) and 9:00 AM to 12 noon on Saturday. Its lobby is open 7:30 AM to 4:45 PM during the week and 7:30 to 12 noon on Saturday. (Thank you, USPS!)

TRANSFER STATION

Last Saturday was Fairlee's first attempt to encourage social distancing at the Transfer Station. On Saturday the 11th, volunteers will once again allow a controlled number of vehicles into the rubbish and recycling area. The Transfer Station is open from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM; however, it will

remain open until all waiting vehicles have gone through. If the line gets too long so that it ends on Route 5, volunteers will direct vehicles to park in the field adjacent to Dump Road.

Please bring exact change for rubbish. All recycling will be available (aluminum, tin, paper, cardboard, plastic, and glass).

Non-recyclable materials – or placing plastic in the glass bin, or aluminum in the plastic bin – contaminate an entire container. Learn what is acceptable at this link: <https://www.fairleevt.org/transfer-station/>.

Save time and shorten the wait by dividing your recycling before arriving. If possible, bring large loads early in the morning.

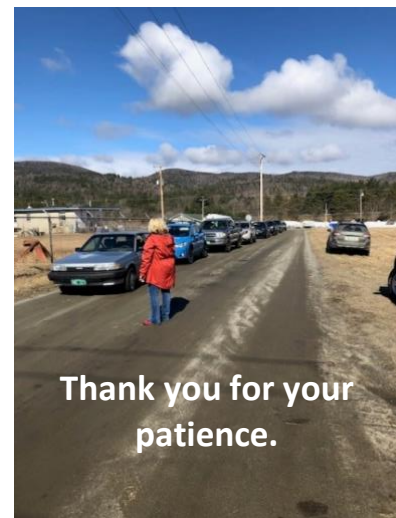
NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Although there are numerous federal, state, regional, and local resources available, **one of the best ways to mitigate the damage of the pandemic is to find your network.** A network may be your family, your church, your children's school, or your neighborhood. Telephone members of your network who live alone, or who have no family members residing nearby, or who have disabilities, or who are elderly. It is particularly important to telephone those who do not use computers or smartphones.

From the federal level, get up-to-date scientific information from the **Center for Disease Control (CDC)** (www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/). Call **Vermont's Department of Health** at (802) 863-7200 or visit its website (www.healthvermont.gov/covid19). **Call 2-1-1** or visit vermont211.org for a free, confidential referral to essential health and human services, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. (Refer to www.fairleevt.org for additional federal, state, and regional links.)

The **State Emergency Management Plan (SEMP)** has been implemented and is run through the Vermont State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC). SEOC assigns functional responsibilities to state agencies, departments, and organizations to provide coordinated guidance, relief, and assistance before, during, and after disasters.

Fairlee's **Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)** includes Peter Berger, Jason Bachus, Ross Cannon, Lance Colby, Ken Champagne, Barry Larson, Tad Nunez, and Mike Wright. To mitigate and respond to emergencies, the LEPC has access to food, gas, shelter, building supplies, emergency rescue, fire, dispatch, fast squad, animal control, law enforcement, IT, electrical, and game warden resources. Fairlee has not been determined as an "incident command center" by the State but is ready to respond accordingly should doing so be requested by SEOC.



Request assistance or offer
volunteer service at
help@fairleevt.org

All requests are confidential.

HELP@FAIRLEEVT.ORG

Help@fairleevt.org volunteers have come together to focus on the needs in the Fairlee community. At this point, communication with the volunteer group is only through email. Help@fairleevt.org is moving towards having a telephone number, as well, and currently, Town Hall staff can direct telephone inquiries to the volunteers should it be necessary.

Help@fairleevt.org shares resources and advice with other community organizers through weekly ZOOM meetings facilitated by the Vermont Council on Rural Development. Participants in the ZOOM sessions include leaders of community resilience organizations (also known as mutual aid organizations), Community Workshop, Bradford Resilience, the Northeast Kingdom Collaborative, Vital Communities, and UV Strong.

SUMMER RESIDENTS & VISITORS

A handful of summer residents have returned to Fairlee. Over the weekend, volunteers contacted each Lake Morey Road residence that had vehicles with out-of-state license plates to welcome them to Fairlee and (gently) inform them of Vermont’s required 14-day quarantine. The State prohibits Airbnb, VRBO, and other temporary rentals *except* when renters are emergency workers.

HIKES AND WALKS



Volunteers posted signs at trailheads and along Lake Morey Road, reminding hikers and walkers to observe social distancing, wear face masks, and leave no trace. As an FYI, hikers cannot summit the Palisades Trail from April through August, in order to protect nesting peregrine falcons. (The boat launch will have a similar sign this weekend.)

TOWN BUSINESS

Even though the Town Hall is closed, the following Town business can be completed by email, snail mail, or telephone, including tax payments and getting copies of tax bills; dog licensing (deadline extended to April 30); marriage, birth, and death certificates; zoning applications and follow up; questions for the Listers; and dump/beach passes. Residents can use the Drop Slot adjacent to the front door of the Town Hall for payments.

To connect with Town Hall staff by telephone, dial (802) 333-4363 followed by the extension listed below:

OFFICE/EMAIL	EXTENSION
Town Clerk townclerk@fairleevt.org	1
Town Administrator townadministrator@fairleevt.org	2
Zoning zoning@fairleevt.org	3
Treasurer treasurer@fairleevt.org	4
Lister’s Office listers@fairleevt.org	5
Police/Delinquent Tax Collector police@fairleevt.org	6

BACK TO THE REAL WORLD

Information NOT having to do with coronavirus!

- Please keep yourself informed on the Rivendell School Budget and vote! www.rivendellschool.org
- Please do not wait until July 15th to file your Homestead Declaration! The Tax Department advises filing Homestead Declaration HS-122 and HI-144 as soon as possible to ensure that state payments are timely with tax bills. File online: <https://myvtax.vermont.gov>

Comments or questions?
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Josh Hickman: josh.hickman@fairleevt.org
Tad Nunez: townadministrator@fairleevt.org

