



FAIRLEE NEWSLETTER

June 2020

UPDATE: COVID-19

Only nine confirmed cases in Orange County, **only one confirmed case in Fairlee.** Your personal commitment will keep our community's number of cases low.

Take health and safety precautions. Keep a 6-foot distance from other people. Wear a face mask or cloth face covering. Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer.

Keep your social circle small. Choose other trusted households that are also taking health and safety precautions; for example, get together with another family or members of your own family who live in a separate household. Limit your group to 25 people or fewer. Keep a list of whom you have been in close contact with each day.

Stay close to home. Limit nonessential travel to short distances. Consider outdoor spaces and open areas where it is not too crowded and easier to keep a physical distance. Choose activities that do not require sharing food or touching shared objects or other surfaces.

Protect those at higher risk. People age 65 and over and people with underlying medical conditions are at higher risk for serious illness and should continue to stay at home. Connect with one another by phone, computer or video.



UPDATE: FAIRLEE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Fairlee Public Library re-opened on Wednesday, June 17th. Patrons must hand sanitize before entering the building. Masks and 6-foot social distancing are required. There will be no more than 5 patrons in the library at one time and only one patron per family. Appointments are available on Thursday and Friday for families or at-risk patrons. Go to the library's website for more information about COVID-related safety rules. www.fairleelibrary.com

TOWN BEACH

Without lifeguards and swimming lessons, the Town Beach is open this summer yet will look much different. There are no docks and swimming is at your own risk. The Recreation Council asks for social distancing and requests that you stay away from the beach if it is crowded. For now, climbing structures are off-limits.

Beach usage this summer is **reserved for those who have beach passes.** There will be a friendly local greeter who checks for passes and sells daily passes from 10 AM to 6 PM every day. Just a reminder that the beach is not a launch site for kayaks, stand up paddle boards, or windsurfers. Use the public boat launch, instead. fairleevt.org/recreation-council/

WELCOME BACK

In May and early June, many of Fairlee's seasonal residents returned to Lake Morey and Lake Fairlee. Required to self-isolate in their residences for 14 days, we are only now beginning to see their cars—though maybe not their faces—throughout the community. On July 11th, Lake Morey Protective Association's annual meeting will be via ZOOM. Welcome back!

FOURTH OF JULY

With heavy hearts, the Fairlee and Orford Parade Committees have cancelled the Fourth of July parade. The Town has cancelled the fireworks. There will be no Aloha Foundation bonfire on Lake Morey. The Parade Committee invites all of us to celebrate the Fourth by decorating our homes, yards and storefronts.



MAIN STREET TO MOREY (M2M)

Fairlee's Main Street to Morey community-building project continues to focus on streetscape design, stormwater infrastructure, beautification, economic development, and making Fairlee a more welcoming and vibrant community.

As M2M proceeds into Phase 3, Rebecca Stone (an M2M consultant) encourages Fairlee to “dream big,” and “think about what we can test out in the coming months.” Mark your calendar for an **outdoor community planning session on Saturday, July 11th, followed shortly thereafter by a participatory Fairlee Makeover Week—live creation and testing of the community's Main Street suggestions.** Go to Main Street to Morey on www.fairleevt.org/

MOREY MOUNTAIN

According to Upper Valley Land Trust, the **new trail system** at Morey Mountain Conservation Area will be ready just in time for the July 4th weekend. Four miles of looping trails with signage will allow visitors to take themselves on a self-guided tour. uvlt.org/2020/06/morey-mountain-trails-coming-in-july/

UPDATE: WATER SYSTEM

Managed by Water Director Lance Colby, Town Administrator Tad Nunez, and Tata & Howard engineers, the water system upgrades are proceeding on schedule.

- **Filtration:** The filtration system is located at the well pump station (north of the Fairlee Diner). The foundation for the filtration house is completed. Cement was poured during the week of June 15th.
- **Meters:** Residents using water from the Fairlee water system have received notice to call the meter installation company to schedule a time to have the meter installed at their home or business. Meter installation began on June 15th. Installation will continue through September 30th.
- **Water Mains:** New water mains are scheduled to be installed along Route 5 South (beginning July 6th) and Lake Morey Road from Club House Road to the end of Joe's Road (beginning early August). The Town has contacted affected residents and businesses. **Beginning in the last week of July and into August, the**

Clubhouse Road to Joe's Road portion of Lake Morey Road will be closed from 7 AM to 4:30 PM.

<https://www.fairleevt.org/2020/05/fairlee-water-system-project-up-dates/>

SUMMER ROAD WORK

Summer road activity typically includes mowing and ditching along the roadsides, paving, crack filling of fractured pavement with hot or cold sealant and culvert replacement. The following projects are funded and planned between now and the end of the summer. The weather, subcontractors' schedules, and the State's rate of paying out grant monies have an impact on project completion.

- **Culvert replacement** on Lake Morey Road; two culverts adjacent to the Hylander property on the east side of Lake Morey and two at Aloha Camp on the west side
- **Ditching** on Maurice Roberts Road
- **Paving** on Route 5 South, Lake Morey Road and Joe's Road after the installation of new water mains. **During the last week of July and into August, this portion of Lake Morey Road will be closed from 7 AM to 4:30 PM.**



GREEN UP DAY 50th ANNIVERSARY

Because of COVID-19, this spring's Green Up Day evolved into a Green Up Month. Thirty-five volunteers gathered approximately 450 pounds of waste,

including 8 abandoned tires. Many thanks to Peter Berger who has managed Fairlee's Green Up event since 1991.

UPDATE: TOWN-WIDE REAPPRAISAL

The town-wide reappraisal has been extended through 2022. VT Appraisal Co. plans to initially focus on properties that can be evaluated using social distancing and will begin inspections in July.

RIVENDELL BUDGET

Please participate in the Rivendell school budget vote on June 30th.

TRANSFER STATION

The Transfer Station has shifted to summer hours and is open Saturday mornings, including the 4th of July, from 8:30 to 11:30. Help@FairleeVT volunteers have increased the number of cars allowed at one time into the Transfer Station. The volunteers can provide you with free face masks and sanitizer. Please bring exact change for rubbish (\$3 per 13 gal. bag, \$4 per 30 gal. bag, and \$5 per contractor bag). Save time and shorten the wait by dividing your recycling before arriving. **And, please, take a moment to**

truly understand the materials that are recyclable and place them into the correct container. www.fairleevt.org/transfer-station/

PRODUCE SHELF

In partnership with Willing Hands and Root 5 Farm, Help@FairleeVT has initiated weekly distribution of dairy products and fresh vegetables on the Town Common. Open from 10 AM to noon every Friday, there are no residence or income requirements. Anyone experiencing food insecurity is welcome to participate.



AARP SURVEY

AARP invites bicyclists 50 years and older to participate in a special survey. <https://bit.ly/3dbE26L>

BROADENING COMMUNICATIONS

The Selectboard is examining ways to enhance communication and broaden participation in municipal governance. **To gather information from residents**, the Town warns public meetings, periodically sends out surveys and welcomes public comments at Selectboard meetings.

To share information with residents, the Town sends the *Fairlee Newsletter*, postcards, and letters through the mail; updates the Town website; adds messages to the Fairlee listserv that is managed by Vital Communities and delivered daily to those who have subscribed; posts on bulletin boards in the Town Hall, the Library, the Post Office and at local businesses; and puts up signs on the Common and at the Lake Morey Road/Route 5 intersection.

The next *Fairlee Newsletter* will be sent via email if the Town has your email address and mailed to those with no email address. The former group will have the ability to opt out of email delivery should that be their preference. If you are uncertain as to whether the Town has your most up-to-date email, go to www.fairleevt.org/2017/08/update-contact-information/

SUNS & SUNFLOWERS

Slow down when you're on Main Street. Look around a bit. Count how many suns you see. (Thank you, Fairlee Community Arts!) And, as the summer progresses, enjoy sunflowers. (Thank you, Fairlee Gardeners!)



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