

Town Manager's Update March 24, 2022

Announcements

- The Library will host AARP Tax-Aide volunteers on Mondays from 9 am – 11 am from now through April 11. This assistance is by appointment only, with multiple slots available at 9 am, 10 am and 11 am. Please call the Library to make an appointment or for more information.
- The Abbie Griffin Hospital Fund Applications are available for Merrimack Residents until April 20th this year. To get more information and an application call the Welfare Department at Town Hall at 603-423-8535 or email welfare@merrimacknh.gov.
- The Parks & Recreation Department invites you to join us on Saturday, April 9th at Wasserman Park for the 30th Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Egg hunts are held between 10:00 am – 11:30 am. To view to the time slot for your child's age group, visit the Parks & Recreation Department's website at www.merrimackparksandrec.org
- The Filing Deadline for all Property Tax Exemptions and Property Tax Credits is April 15th
- Absentee ballots for the second session of the Town and School District Meeting (Voting Day) are available at the Town Clerk's office. Any voter who will be unable to appear at any time during the polling hours of 7 AM to 7 PM due to employment, confinement in a penal institution for a misdemeanor or awaiting trial, or who will otherwise be absent from Town on Election Day, or who is unable to go to the polls due to a disability or religious observance may vote by absentee ballot. Concerns for seasonal flu and COVID-19 qualify as a disability. Voters must send a signed written request specifying the reason an absentee ballot is needed to the Town Clerk or download and complete an absentee ballot request form from the Town's website at: www.merrimacknh.gov. The form is found on the home page of the Town website or in the Town Clerk's section under Elections and Voting. Written requests or completed forms can be dropped off at the Town Clerk's office, faxed to 603-423-8539, emailed to townclerk@merrimacknh.gov or mailed to Town Clerk, Attn: Absentee Ballots, 6 Baboosic Lake Rd, Merrimack, NH 03054. Absentee ballots can only be given or mailed directly to the person making the request.
- The late Thursday hours at the Transfer Station will begin on March 31 and continue through September 8. During that period, the operating hours at the Transfer Station will be 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Thursday hours are 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Town Manager's Report

- Merrimack TV will premiere “Celebration of Song” this Friday night March 25th at 7PM and the “Cavalcade of Bands” next Friday, April 1st, at 7PM. You can watch on Comcast XFINITY 21, HD1071, merrimacktv.com and streaming devices. Additionally, both concerts will play while we await results during Merrimack TV's live election night coverage on Tuesday April 12th beginning at 7:30pm.
- The repairs to the Stowell Road Bridge are nearly complete. Final work is scheduled to occur tomorrow and early next week. We expect that Stowell Road will be back open to traffic next week – please see the Roads Update tab on the Town of Merrimack website for updates.
- The Wastewater Division of Public Works submitted the annual Capacity Management Operation and Maintenance (CMOM – ‘see mom’) program report to NHDES and EPA. This report documents our collection system asset management program.
- NHDES recently completed a Compliance Evaluation Audit of the Wastewater Treatment Facility, focusing on the laboratory operations. I’m pleased to report that NHDES concluded the audit with a report of “No Deficiencies Observed”
- Although we had an early snow melt this year, athletic fields remain closed due to wet conditions. Updates will be provided on the Merrimack Parks and Recreation website.
- Since this is the time of the year when people are out beginning their lawn care for the year, the Town of Merrimack is joining forces with NH Sea Grant Extension and Squam Lakes Natural Science Center Water Resources and Horticulture Staff and others in presenting a FREE Virtual Workshop on Green Grass & Clear Water. This workshop will teach about the Do’s and Don’ts of lawn care habits that keep our rivers, lakes and ponds healthy and clean. The workshop will be held on Monday, April 18th at 6:30 PM. Registration is required. Can register at <https://bit.ly/GGCW2022>.