

Town of Ludlow – Press Release

May 8, 2020

As of today, we believe that we have approximately 83 positive cases of the COVID-19 virus. As our positive cases still continue to rise each week, this is a good reminder for all that it is now a requirement to wear a face mask or covering unless you have a medical condition that would compromise your breathing. Also, social gathering restrictions remain at no more than 10 with maintaining 6-foot distancing. We thank you all for your patience, unselfishness, and diligence in this time. We are not only trying to protect ourselves and our families, but our community has a whole.

From our Town Clerk's Office: Our Annual Town Election is Monday, June 1, 2020. The polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. For this election, early voting by mail only is available for any qualified voter for those choosing not to go to the polls on Election Day. Applications for an early or absentee ballot are located on the Town of Ludlow website. The deadline to apply for the ballots is 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 29, 2020. Download the application or written request and scan to [clerk@ludlow.ma.us](mailto:clerk@ludlow.ma.us) or mail to Town Hall. You can also drop them off at the Town Hall Collector's mailbox located in the back of the Town Hall.

Ludlow Dog License Reminder: The Town Clerk is extending the Dog Licensing period (which expired on March 31, 2020) to August 31, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This extension will be without incurring any late fee. You must have a valid rabies certificate to renew or obtain a new license. Neutered/spayed dogs are \$15.00; dogs that are not are \$20.00. If needed, a form is available on the Town of Ludlow website. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope, copy of a valid rabies certificate, along with a check payable to the Town of Ludlow. Send to: Town Clerk, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow MA, 01056 or drop in the collectors box in the back of the Town Hall.

From our Veteran's Service Officer: Sadly, due to the global COVID-19 pandemic and the current Governors policy on social gatherings and physical distancing, The Town will not be holding its traditional Memorial Day Parade. As a town we will always continue to honor the brave men and women who gave themselves for our freedoms. Instead, we are asking that all willing Ludlow residents decorate their doors and/or windows, front yards in their best patriotic fashion in their honor. Please share your pictures with the Ludlow's Veterans Office via Facebook or by emailing your pictures to [esegundo@ludlow.ma.us](mailto:esegundo@ludlow.ma.us)

From our Department of Public Works: The Board of Public Works has voted to return to normal hours of operation at the Transfer Station and Compost Facility, which are Wednesday thru Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Last year's Transfer Station Permits will be honored. If you do not have a permit, the attendant will confirm that your vehicle is registered in Ludlow. Bulk items must be paid by check only. Please remember to wear a mask and maintain proper distancing when using the facilities.

Governor Baker announced the opening of golf courses across the Commonwealth with stringent restrictions. You can find these restrictions at [www.massgolf.org](http://www.massgolf.org) or contact our local courses.

Finally, A special message to all of you talented crafters. If you can make cotton cloth face masks that you would be willing to donate to Town residents, the Board of Health would like to hand them out during a drive-thru “free mask” event. Additionally, if anyone wants to donate 100%-cotton material and/or ¼” elastic to help these crafters in their mission, it would help a great deal. Please call Cheryl at the Board of Health at 583-5600 ext. 1272. Thank you all very much and a very Happy Mother’s Day to all moms out there!

God Bless and Take Care of Each Other,

Derek G. DeBarge

Chairman, Board of Selectmen