

Town of Ludlow – Press Release

May 15, 2020

As of today, we believe that we have approximately 94 positive cases of the COVID-19 virus. Since our last press release and request for donations of masks and materials to make masks, we have received an incredible amount from many people who are eager and very considerate to help their community. We would like to thank the following people: Sheriff Nick Cocchi, Jodi Zepke and the Senior Center, Jacqueline Tower, Marianne Moura, Michelle Gosciminski, Meagan Goncalves, Debbie Nacewicz, Joanne Bowen, Judy Marek, Nancy Peck, Miriam Grover, Judith Snyder and the First Church, Betty Hoffmeier, Bea Howe, Joan Beaulier, Pamela Cormier, Mary Petrolati, Barbara Babula, and Roselyn Sousa. All of your hard work and donations mean more than you know. Thank you.

From our Senior Center: A reminder that the staff is working. The building may be closed to the public, but they are there to help with any questions or concerns about food, benefits, Grab and Go meals, or anything else. You can call the Center at 583-3564

From our Police Department: The paving of Center Street will take place all day Tuesday, May 19, 2020. This will undoubtedly cause some traffic problems so if you can avoid the area from Center St. and Harding Ave. to Center and Chapin Streets please do so.

From Eversource: A warning about scammers appearing to be Eversource or other utilities. The COVID-19 outbreak has led to an increase in scam activity, with sophisticated scammers finding unique and intimidating ways to exploit people and steal their money during these uncertain times. "Eversource will never demand instant payment over the phone nor ask for personal information in an unsolicited call, text, or email... If you suspect that you've been targeted by a scam, please call them immediately at 877-659-6326."

For those wondering about the flag display on the Town hall lawn, behind the Military Service Flags are 88 American Flags, each symbolizing a Veteran from the Holyoke Soldier's Home that passed away since the pandemic started. Our VSO Eric Segundo and Brian Willette of the VFW are responsible for the display.

From Governor Baker: You can now find a COVID-19 test site near you by accessing www.mass.gov/covidtestmap. Simply put in your zip code or town and it will show the closest test sites within ten miles.

Finally, A caution to our residents who are planning birthday "parades" or "caravans." We all understand how, under our current circumstances, these birthday "parades" are uplifting and fun for all. Our caution is about the growing size of the number of vehicles involved and the amount of people gathering together while the vehicles pass by. Please be cognizant of the traffic laws, others around you, and the Governor's orders of only 10 persons in a gathering with masks and proper spacing if not immediate family. Let's continue to celebrate each other's milestones, let's just do them safely.

God Bless, and Take Care of Each Other,

Derek G. DeBarge

Chairman, Board of Selectmen