



TOWN OF MONROE

OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN

COVID-19 Pandemic Update

June 26, 2020

CASE TOTALS AS REPORTED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

New cases in the past 7 days:	4
Total cases:	113

This week, Governor Lamont announced that anyone traveling to Connecticut from any state that has a new daily positive test rate higher than 10 per 100,000 residents, or a state with a 10% or higher positive rate over a 7-day rolling average, are directed to self-quarantine for a 14-day period from the time of last contact with that state. This includes Connecticut residents who travel to these states and then return to Connecticut. [More information, including those states affected, are available via this link.](#)

Please remember that while we continue to see positive trends in Connecticut, the requirements for masks and social distancing remain in place.

UPDATES ON TOWN SERVICES AND FACILITIES

- **Town Hall** – While we will continue to service customers via phone and email, starting on Monday, June 29th, limited public access to Town Hall will be available by appointment only. Please call the specific department at Town Hall to determine if we can help you remotely, through the dropbox in the Police Department lobby, or by scheduling an appointment.
- **Parks & Recreation**
 - **New Park Stickers** will be mailed in motor vehicle tax bills going out next week. We will continue to honor the current sticker through July 15th. Contact either the Parks & Recreation Department or the Tax Collector with any questions or issues with park stickers.
 - **Great Hollow Lake** – The beach and swimming area will open tomorrow, June 27th. Hours are 9:00 am – 7:00 pm daily. Social distancing is required. Please follow the posted rules.
 - **Wolfe Park Pool** – Target date for opening is July 6th. Reservations will be through the Parks & Rec website, once we confirm all start-up procedures, maintenance and testing is complete.
 - **Playgrounds** are now open.
 - **Basketball Courts** will open July 6th.
- **Public Works** will resume collection of waste motor oil, anti-freeze, and vehicle batteries starting July 11th. Collections are on the second Saturday of the month from 8:00 am to 11:45 am, at no cost to Monroe residents.
- **Schools** – The State has advised all school districts in Connecticut to plan for a full reopening in the fall for the school year. While general information was released this week, the state has said they would provide detailed guidelines on Monday. Our Acting Superintendent of Schools will continue to work with the entire school community to share information as it becomes available.

TAX BILLS MAILING NEXT WEEK – LOW INTEREST PROGRAM IN EFFECT

As announced earlier, the Town of Monroe adopted a Lower Interest Program, pursuant to Executive Orders of the Governor, for the July installment of your property tax bill.

Here is updated information on this program:

- Monroe real estate, motor vehicle, and personal property taxes due on July 1, 2020 will have a one-month grace period for payment, at zero interest, through August 3, 2020.
- Any payments not made by August 3, 2020 will be subject to only one-quarter of one percent (0.25%) interest per month instead of the usual, statutory 1½ percent (1.50%) per month.
- The Low Interest Rate Program will continue through October 1, 2020, after which any outstanding taxes must revert to the usual statutory rate, retroactive to July 1, 2020, as per the Governor's executive order.
- While landlords are required to submit documentation that they provided rent forbearance to their tenants or lessees, other taxpayers are not required to submit any documentation to be eligible for the program.
- Tax payments that are escrowed by a financial institution or mortgage servicer are not eligible for the program so long as the mortgage payments are current or the borrower is in a forbearance or deferment program.

For more information on your tax payments, please contact the Tax Collector's Office at 203-452-2804.

Thank you.



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