



December 11, 2020 Edition

## TOWN MANAGER HIGHLIGHTS

- Thank you to all the staff that have worked to make our buildings shine! I have received many compliments on our festive lights, your work has created joy and festive spirits when our community has needed them most.
- Our Team A/Team B approach has worked fairly well so far, thank you all for your patience and flexibility. Given the continued increase in COVID-19 cases please plan on this system at least through the end of January.
- Budget season is underway. Jodie and Marcy will be tackling salary and benefits projections in the coming week and department heads are starting to input operations numbers. I see the budget as an opportunity each year to assess our community's priorities and think about how we can find the right balance between continuing to offer high levels of service while also continuing to be responsible stewards of the public's money. I look forward to working with staff and officials on this effort over the next few months.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**12/12/2020** 

*Senior Center Christmas Fair  
10am - 1pm*

**12/13/2020** 

*Christmas Parade at Wells  
Harbor Park 2-3pm*

**12/14/2020**

*Zoning Board of Appeals  
@ 7pm*

**12/15/2020**

*Board of Selectmen Workshop &  
Meeting @ 5pm*

## WELLS POLICE UPDATE

Our holiday lights are finally up on the exterior of the building and in the park out front. Thank you to Captain Kevin Chabot, Officer Chris Baez, Facilities Manager Ken Lowell and Harbormaster Mike Yorke...couldn't have done it without you and your trusty ladder!

For the last two weeks all police department employees have been in the process of completing their CPR refresher class or if necessary, taking the full certification class. I would like to thank our in-house instructor Office Brett Tishim.

We now have the capacity to test town employees for COVID-19. Our testers: Wells Emergency Medical Director Jim Lapolla, Officers Brett Tishim, Officer Sean Remick, and Officer Karl Roy have gone through the training and reviewed the new protocols for testing.

If you need to schedule a test even with short notice, please contact myself (cell: 251-2602), Captain Kevin Chabot (cell: 337-2261), or Jim Lapolla (cell: 604-4189) – all requests need to be approved by one of us before a test can be scheduled. The three-officer work different shifts which will hopefully make getting a test easier.

The storage area in our parking garage has been temporarily re-purposed for testing. Employees coming here to be tested will not have to enter our building at all, they will enter the secured parking lot and park in the designated parking space which is closest to our communication tower. The officer will then come out to your vehicle and collect the nasal specimen. It will then be analyzed in the testing area. These are 15-minute rapid antigen tests (they look for the protein produced by the COVID virus – not the virus itself). These are medical grade and used by Maine Health.

[Click here](#) for the link to the patient info sheet for our testing machine.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The Fire Department has hired Tyler Belanger to be our first "fourth firefighter on shift." He comes to us from the Wolfeboro Fire Department where he was employed as a per-diem firefighter. His skills and abilities, along with his great personality prompted the hiring board to select him to fulfill this role. He started back on November 16th and has been working weekdays only, to receive his basic orientation. This last Monday, December 7th he started working on "C" shift under Captain Nawfel where he will be permanently assigned. We are proud to have him as a new Wells firefighter and look forward to getting him through his probationary period. Please welcome Tyler to the Wells Family!

The Fire Department has just completed Wells' new fire substation located near the Public Works Garage. The address of the New "Station 2" is "2 Log Cabin Lane". This new station will take the place of the High Pine and Branch Stations and will house the apparatus from both of those facilities. The building is outfitted with three bays for Engines 3 and 4 as well as Tank 5. The facility has a small meeting room, kitchen, conference room, and some office space to accommodate our on-call firefighters when necessary. Although the facility will not be staffed 24 hours, it will be able to accommodate firefighters during storms, or while covering the rest of Wells if other fire trucks are tied up with other calls.

The new Safety Complex is all lit up for the holidays this year! We are excited to be able to show off your new safety facility and we are proud of how it looks.

Firefighters and police worked hard to make sure the facility looked festive for the holidays and to participate in the lighting up of the Town's buildings to create a warm and welcoming feeling throughout our community. We hope everyone finds some joy in seeing all our building lit up for what will be the last month of one of our country's toughest year. We hope you enjoy it and we wish you all a happy festive holiday season!

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**AN IMPORTANT REMINDER** It's that time of year to license your dog(s)! Please remember to bring in your dog(s) updated rabies certificate, and if you have not previously done so, bring in your dog(s) spay or neuter certificate. To license your dog, either:

- Visit the Wells Town Clerk's Office
- Mail in the appropriate paperwork and a check made out to the Town of Wells, along with a self addressed stamped envelope

A late fee of \$25.00 per dog will be charged starting February 1st in addition to the regular licensing fees. Also, failing to license your dog(s) by February 1st could result in a summons to court.