



March 12, 2021 Edition

TOWN MANAGER HIGHLIGHTS

- This spring-like weather is bringing me joy! I love this time of year and the spirit of possibility it radiates. It always seemed right to me that budget season partnered with spring's arrival. Both are a chance to imagine the next year, plan for all we want to do, and reflect on what we have done. We have less than a month before the Select Board's final budget vote, please join us on Zoom or our Town of Wells Facebook page for Budget Review Committee meetings and Select Board meetings. You will find dates, times, and Zoom links on our [website](#).
- There have been several nearby school districts that have needed to close for a bit due to COVID cases, including here in Wells. We will continue our Team A/Team B staffing approach at the Town Hall, Library, and Parks & Recreation through April. We are close to the finish line, our staff are signing up for vaccinations, and I don't want to see us stumble with only a few feet left to go. It will be wonderful to have everyone back in the buildings together and to have meetings return to the Town Hall, let's work over the next couple of months to stay healthy, get vaccinated, and be ready to return strong.
- Please make sure that no plastic bags are included in your recycling at the Transfer Station. These bags are NOT recyclable and cause significant delays at the processing centers. Recyclables that include plastic bags are considered contaminated and increase the tipping fees.

UPCOMING EVENTS

3/15/2021

Planning Board @7pm

3/16/2021

Selectmen Executive Session @4:45pm, Selectmen Workshop @5:30pm, Selectmen Meeting @6pm

3/17/2021

Budget Committee Meeting @5:30PM

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Scams seem to be a recurring theme in the police department portion of the newsletter, but we hear of new ones every week and want to try to pass the information on to as many people as possible! This past week a resident was scammed out of \$5000.00. I won't get into all the details, but it involved scammers using the name of a large online store and telling you that there was fraudulent activity involving your account. They then request access to your computer and from there they gain access to your bank account. NEVER give anyone over the phone access to your computer! (unless it is something that you initiated) Once they get in all your information is available to them.

Here at the police department we are gearing up for the summer season, which means we have employment opportunities; we are hiring Reserve Police Officers and Community Service Officers. Reserve Police Officers are hired to patrol the areas adjacent to the beaches. Community Service Officers primarily work in the towns parking lots; their duties include being at the entrance of the lot greeting visitors and giving instructions on our Pay and Display Meters, assisting people in finding a spot in the crowded lots, driving from lot to lot issuing parking tickets where needed and being an ambassador for the Town of Wells answering questions and educating people on the rules and regulations. Applications can be found on the Town of Wells Website or picked up at the police station.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The Wells Fire Department is happy to report that we have just received our new air packs this week. We have unpacked and inspected them and we have been scheduled to train on them next week. Once all members have been trained on their use and every member has been fit tested, we will be placing them in service. The firefighters are very pleased with the quality of the product and look forward to the in depth training that has been scheduled. The Department wishes to thank the Wells Board of Selectmen, and our Town Manager for working with us to find a suitable and economical solution to replacing our old units.

Just last week one of our firefighters became a Grandfather! We want to congratulate Captain Jeff Nawfel on his new grandson Oliver Patrick Poissonnier! He was born March 7, 2021 at 1:36am weighing in at 8lbs 15 oz and 22 inches long. We also want to congratulate his daughter Meghan as well. Our firefighters are looking forward to referring to their Captain as "Grampy Nawfel" now!