FIRST SELECTMAN’S CORNER

We have not had any confirmed cases of Corona virus 19 in Connecticut yet, but thanks in large part to the extensive coverage it is all anyone can talk about. The state has been in contact with just about every school and EMS service in the state and provided the information they have, which is actually very little.

The disease is a strain of the same virus that causes common colds, but has more symptoms. Keeping your coughs and sniffles to yourself and washing your hands routinely is the best way to not spread the germs. This is what the masks are for, to keep your fluids to yourself they don’t really do very much else. Use of a disinfectant like Lysol on frequently touched items is also recommended.

If a confirmed case is found the CDC is recommending that the person confine themselves to their home for at least 14 days so that the virus does not spread from them.

The virus causes flu like symptoms with a fever and congestion and is most worrisome because just like the flu it can cause mortality in those who have weakened immune systems. The elderly (>70) are vulnerable and are most likely to have complications. Healthy children do not appear to be particularly affected but may incur some mild symptoms, but the little darlings may spread the germs around so be aware of where the kids go.

Adults may have more of a reaction, but should not generally require hospitalization. Those who have breathing or immune issues may require assistance. If you are sick and are having problems breathing, contacting your doctor or calling for assistance via the 911 system is perfectly appropriate.

Over the next few weeks the virus will run its course and there is very little we can do except wash our hands and avoid contact with those who are sick. Staying vigilant to your condition is also important. If you are sick consider staying home.

We are starting some work on the open culverts on Bashon Hill to change them to catch basins. Culverts just drain the sand and debris off of the road. Catch Basins trap the sand in the bottom and doesn’t contaminate as much of the landscape. We clean the catch basins in the spring after we sweep the sand up. A vacuum truck is used to remove the sand and debris trapped in the sump. The open culverts can present a hazard to cars and trucks as it is just a big hole on the side of the road, often with a rock/stone headwall. If you slip and slide into one during a snowstorm it can ruin your day.

Give the DPW guys some room when driving by, and make sure you slow down so no one gets hurt.
ELDERLY HOMEOWNERS’ CREDIT

The filing period for the Elderly and Totally Disabled Homeowners’ Credit is February 1, to May 15, 2020.

2019 income limits are $37,000 for unmarried and $45,100 for a married couple. This includes Social Security and any other income. Copies of your 2019 SSA-1099 and any other proof of income is required.

If a Tax Return is filed, a copy of the Tax Return is also required. Applicants must have been 65 or older on December 31, 2019 or 100% Social Security disabled and must maintain their primary residence in Bozrah.

For further information please call the Assessor’s Office at 860-889-2689, ext. 205.

Office hours are Tuesday – Wednesday 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and Thursday 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARIES

The Presidential Preference Primaries for the Democratic and Republican Parties will be held on April 28, 2020 from 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Fields Memorial School.

School will be in session on this day, and voters will be required to enter AND exit the polling place through the outside cafeteria doors, NOT the main school entrance.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
860-774-1253

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Have a great week
Carl Zorn