



# Harpswell Bulletin

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## Pier Demolition Project – The End is in Sight



The demolition of the pier at Mitchell Field is nearing completion. Reed & Reed is finishing up removal of the large center section of the pier. They will then work on removing the partially collapsed north mooring dolphin and the small boat basin. That will complete the removal of the pier structures. They will still have some final work to clean up any debris in the water, repair the causeway, and put everything back in shape at the site. Reed & Reed anticipates that they will be finished with the demolition work by mid-July. Their subcontractor Ray Labbe and Sons estimates that it will take them another month or so to complete the site restoration and remove all of the construction materials from the site. The Town is hopeful that the project will be wrapped up by the end of the summer – ahead of schedule and under budget.

## Department of Safety & Emergency Services

The Town of Harpswell began weekday supplemental staffing of paid firefighters on February 21, 2018. This came after a lengthy time during which applicants were screened, interviews conducted, national background checks performed, and comprehensive medical/fitness examinations performed. The result has been a high caliber of candidates, with 6 Firefighters hired and 3 more coming on board within the next several weeks. The following have joined our Firefighter and Emergency Response team:

- Bill Cusick, presently with the Maine Forest Bureau, a retired Battalion Fire Chief in Augusta, and a Registered Nurse,
- Sean Hall, a volunteer Firefighter and EMT with Orr's Bailey Islands and a former teacher,
- Meriel Longley, a Paramedic in Wiscasset, a volunteer with Cundy's Harbor Volunteer Fire Department, and a CPR Instructor,
- Tyler Richardson, a career Firefighter/EMT with Isle of Palms, South Carolina, and an officer in two volunteer departments,
- Dimitri Baumann, a call Firefighter in Old Orchard Beach, ME, and now President of their call association,
- Domenic Maccio, a career Fire Lt/EMT with Bath Iron Works and a Deputy Chief in Woolwich

Coming on in the very near future are:

- Matthew Richards, a career Fire Lt./EMT with Bath Iron Works,
- David Hall, a career Firefighter/EMT with Bath Iron Works, and training officer in North Yarmouth, and
- Mary Hambley, a Firefighter/EMT in Freeport, with extensive veterinary experience.

Personnel will be based out of the Orr's Island station for the time being from 6 AM to 6 PM, Monday through Friday. We are there for your service and for your safety. Please do not hesitate to stop by with any questions or concerns or to reach out to Art Howe, Fire Administrator, at 207-833-5771 X126 or [ahowe@town.harpswell.me.us](mailto:ahowe@town.harpswell.me.us) We look forward to creating a safer community.

## Community Garden at Mitchell Field

The main project for the Community Garden this spring has been to complete the installation of a new water system and irrigation for the Common Garden where we grow food to share with Harpswell residents through the food mobile and to donate to the Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program in Brunswick. Revision Energy installed the solar powered system in early June and has donated all labor and is charging for materials at cost.

A huge thanks goes to Michael McCabe who has designed and constructed the platform for two 250 gallon storage tanks. We also thank Don Miskill for recruiting volunteers from the Mitchell Field Committee, the garden community and elsewhere who are willing to pitch in to assist with this project.

Folks are planting their plots and produce from the Common Garden began to be donated this week. If you would like to have a plot at Mitchell Field, please stop by the Town Office or call Judith Stanton, 207-376-7888.

The Community Garden is a Town of Harpswell recreation sponsored program.



## Browntail Moth

Late June – July Season

Once done feeding on leaves, the toxic haired caterpillars move around looking for places to build their cocoons. You may see them crawling across your deck or down your house. They will make cocoons rolled in leaves, on branches, under eaves and decks or other protected areas. There are several actions you can take to reduce your risks:

- Avoid places that appear to be infested. Indicators include vacated nests and trees and shrubs with a lot of missing leaves.
- Wear a respirator, protective eyewear, and cover exposed areas of skin. This is important on windy days or when performing activities that would stir up hairs such as lawnmowing or raking.
- Wipe or rinse off pieces lawn furniture before sitting in them.
- Use duct tape to remove any hairs that may have embedded while outside.
- Take a cool shower after spending time in infected area and wash clothes to remove embedded hairs.
- Remove caterpillars from trees or sides of buildings by power washing or hosing down. Immersing them in soapy water will kill them. Remove by vacuuming using a HEPA filter, double bag and dispose in trash.

Elinor Groden, entomologist from the University of Maine is monitoring browntail moth sites in Harpswell during 2018 and will evaluate the efficacy of at least three organically certified biorational controls applied in field trials. Dr. Groden's on-site evaluations will continue over the summer months and into the fall.

For more information visit: [www.harpswell.maine.gov](http://www.harpswell.maine.gov) > Click on sidebar *Environment*

## Summer Lunch Program

The Recreation Department will be running a Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program Summer Lunch program at the Town Office. Lunch (and a craft project) will be served from 12 – 1 pm on Monday and Friday from June 25 – August 24. This program is open to anyone ages 2 – 18. We are an open site, no registration needed, no questions asked!

## Recycling Center & Transfer Station

### Taxpayer, Landlord & Renter Responsibilities

The Town Recycling Center and Transfer Station facility is located on the Mountain Road for Harpswell taxpayers and renters use. Town ordinances, along with DEP & EPA regulations, govern the day to day operation of the facility.

Recycling is mandatory in Harpswell and has been for decades. The Town adopted Zero-sort recycling in 2013, bringing simplicity and efficiency to the overall process. The Town Recycling Guide is a good resource to start with. The guide includes days/hours of operation, how items should be sorted, where to take them, etc. The Recycling Guide is available at the Town Office, Recycling Center and posted on the Town of Harpswell website. When visiting the Recycling Center, descriptive signs help to further guide you through the process. The staff is always available to assist you and to answer any questions.

Landlords should be aware that renters, whether long term or short term, need to know how to properly utilize the facility. Residents and renters are encouraged to start the sorting process at home, having separate bins for compost, zero-sort recycling, returnables and any trash. A lack of information can lead to inconvenience, aggravation and confusion for renters and residents alike.

Recycling includes: cardboard, paper, cans, glass, and plastics (#1-#7). Zero-sort makes it easy with all recycling going in one hopper, no plastic bags or Styrofoam please.

Compostable material includes most household food waste including meat, vegetables, bones, shells etc. There is a comprehensive chart available online and at the Recycling Center. Compost collection bins are located between the wall slots and the Trash & Recycle hoppers.

Trash includes normal day to day non-recyclable household trash and packaging. Items include plastic bags, Styrofoam, alkaline batteries, non-compostable material and small unwanted waste. This does not include construction materials, yard debris, house clean outs, metal, wood, fabrics, rugs, furniture, appliances, etc. These items go to the Transfer Station for disposal.

Harpswell's trash is sent to a waste to energy plant. The incineration of this material helps to offset and extend the life of landfills, becomes a fuel source for generating electricity and helps to protect residents' personal information and privacy.

The Town of Harpswell has been a recycling leader in Maine for close to 40 years. Taxpayers and renters can help reduce the costs to the town by separating and maximizing their recycled and compostable material which in turn reduces the amount of trash. It costs the Town of Harpswell more than twice as much to dispose of trash as it does recyclable material.

Thank you for composting & recycling!

### Consumer Fireworks

Per Town Ordinance, consumer fireworks may be used only on the following dates and times in Harpswell:

- July 3, 9am to 10pm
- July 4, 9am to 12:30am on July 5
- July 5, 9am to 10pm
- Dec. 31, 9am to 12:30am on Jan 1
- Jan 1, 9am to 10pm
- Weekends immediately before and after July 4 and Dec. 31, 9am to 10pm

### Slow Down and Enjoy our Views!

Please slow down and enjoy the beautiful scenery that Harpswell has to offer. Our roads are narrow and for the safety of all, please obey speed limits. Thank you.



### Home Repair Program

Do you want to stay in your home as you get older and need home repair work that you are unable to do and can't afford? If yes, please call the Town Office at 833-5771! The Town has partnered with Habitat for Humanity and Harpswell Aging at Home to do no cost repairs and weatherization. A grant covers the material costs and skilled volunteers will perform the work.

## Harpswell Bandstand by the Sea 2018 Summer Concert Series

06/28	Don Campbell
07/05	Coastal Winds
07/12	Portland Jazz Orchestra
07/19	Denny Breau Trio
07/26	Harpswell Concert Band
08/02	Marc Black*
08/09	Primo Cubano
08/16	Cul de Sax
08/23	Erica Brown & the Bluegrass Connection
8/26 @ 2pm	Jimmy Jo & the Jumbol'ayuhs BONUS! Sunday Concert
8/30	Harpswell Concert Band
9/2 @ 2pm	Marty Coopersmith & Why Bother BONUS! Sunday Concert

Concert Rain Location – Harpswell Coastal Academy

\*Marc Black concert will be held at Elijah Kellogg Church, 917 HNR

### Other Items

- Town Office Hours**  
 Due to time constraints, certain transactions may have processing times different than the Town Office hours of operation. Please check website for further detail.
- Fee Increases**  
 The Board of Selectmen will soon be considering increases to certain fees. Fees for different services are posted on our website, please check the website for updates or call the Town Office.
- Non-resident Taxpayer Meeting**  
 Wednesday, July 11, 6 pm  
 Harpswell Community School  
 308 Harpswell Islands Road

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