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DEAR RESIDENTS & BUSINESS OWNERS:

Giving Thanks in 2020

November 13, 2020

Thanksgiving is THE holiday for families and friends to gather, enjoy a meal, watch football, and kickoff the holiday season together but due to COVID-19 many are struggling with the decision whether to hold traditional celebrations this year.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) the safest way to celebrate this

**CHATHAM
CASE COUNT
11/13/2020
Total: 47**

year is with people in your immediate household. If you do plan to spend Thanksgiving with people outside of your household, please ensure that everyone wears a face covering when not eating, limit the number of guests attending per the State guidelines, maintain social distancing, eat outside if the weather allows, and limit the number of people preparing and serving food. If possible, have guests bring their own food and utensils.

If you plan to travel or have guests traveling to Chatham, please comply with the Governor's Travel Orders requiring anyone arriving in Massachusetts from a high-risk state to quarantine for 14 days or produce a negative COVID-19 test that has been administered up to 72 hours prior to arrival in the Commonwealth.

While it may not be the same as everyone being around the same table you can share a meal with family and friends *virtually*, share photos on social media or through email, or set aside part of the day to catch up through phone calls. Connecting with each other will be different this year, but still possible. For more information, please visit <https://www.chatham-ma.gov/home/pages/covid-19-coronavirus-information>

At a time when we are witnessing so much loss and economic hardship, I am thankful for our community's continued vigilance to stop the spread of the virus in Town, for its support of each other and our small businesses, and for our dedicated Town employees.

Thank you,
Jill R. Goldsmith, Town Manager

Community Update #27

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David DePasquale
Fire Chief

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Thomas Temple
DPW Director

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Community Development

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Parks & Recreation

Amanda Speakman
Council on Aging



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Temporary Closing of PARK Program

Town officials were notified on Friday, November 13, 2020 of the possible exposure of a Community Center employee to COVID-19.

Out of an abundance of caution the PARK Program, a Town program licensed by the State to provide before and after school childcare, at the Community Center is cancelled today and Monday, November 16, 2020 to allow for deep cleaning and further information to become available. The PARK Program follows all COVID protocols required by the State licensing agency and recommended by the MA Dept. of Public Health and Centers for Disease Control.

The Town continues to work diligently to ensure the integrity of the PARK Program, including reserving the Community Center exclusively for Program activities. Further information will be released when it becomes available.

West Chatham Roadway Project

This week, a car carrier truck got hung-up a portion of the new roundabout at George Ryder Rd., an area still under construction. It clipped the "T-100" curb that lines the outside of the roundabout apron.

This large curb with an apron is intended to be accessed by larger vehicles/trucks. However, the stamped concrete apron to it has not been installed yet. MassDOT directed the contractor to fill the area with gravel temporarily to avoid this happening again. The stamped concrete apron has been approved and the contractor will schedule the installation. If it cannot be installed before winter, MassDOT will install a temporary Hot Mix Asphalt apron for the winter. Within the T-100 circle of

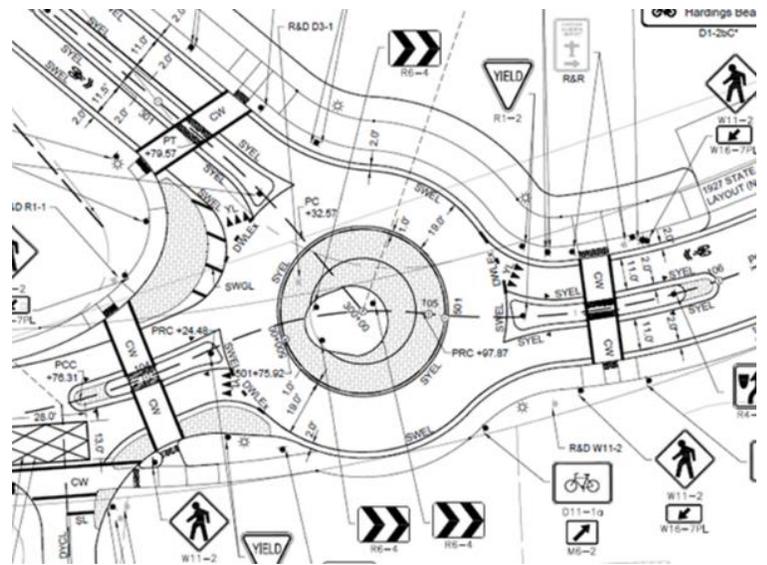
curb is another egg-shaped area of vertical curb behind the truck apron. This section of the plan shows the two sections of curb along with the crosshatched area of the truck apron. MassDOT does not believe a redesign is required for this area.

Chatham Coronavirus Impact Fund's Community Assessment Survey

Please take a minute to complete this Community Assessment Survey. The goal of the Survey is to collect data about the impact of COVID-19 on our community in an effort to assess needs and to better position the Impact Fund and, potentially policymakers, to understand and be responsive to those needs.

This is the second survey conducted by the Chatham Coronavirus Impact Fund. While this second round survey is quite similar to the first round, a number of questions have been rephrased and several new questions have been added. To access the survey follow this link or use the QR code to the right.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SQ9GWS5>



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2020 Turkey Trot – DIY Edition

The 16th Annual Chatham Turkey Trot is taking a different format this year as walkers, joggers, and runners will participate over a period of days on a number of routes in this DIY edition of the traditional untimed 5K. Participants can register until November 29, 2020 then walk or run in your neighborhood with family or close friends between November 21 and November 29. The entry fee is \$10/per person and all money raised and donations received benefit the Lower Cape Outreach Council. Participants are encouraged to post photos of their Trot and tag with #chathamturkeytrot2020 and @chathamturkeytrot. All the details at <https://chathamturkeytrot.com/>

The Importance of Property Numbers

Properly posted, easily visible property numbers are one of the most important things you can do to ensure that emergency services can find you if you need help. And it's also the law!

MA General Law Chapter 148, Section 59 states that "every building in the Commonwealth including, but not limited to, dwellings, apartment buildings, condominiums, and business establishments shall have affixed thereto a number representing the address of such building."

Your number should be visible from the street accessing your property. It should be affixed to building or on a durable sign or post. It is not recommended that you rely on mailboxes for your property number as they are often on the wrong side of the street and can be damaged by vehicles or plows.

Your number should be a contrasting color to the background on which they are attached. Your number can't be too big but is often too small.

If you are not sure of your property number it can be found on your real estate tax bill, you can check the [Assessor's online database here](#), or call the Community Development Department for assistance at 508-945-5168.

Heating Assistance Programs

The Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development oversees three energy assistance programs for eligible individuals and families throughout the Commonwealth. These Low Income Home Energy Assistance Programs (LIHEAP) offer fuel assistance; heating system repair, replacement, and maintenance; and weatherization installation and repairs.

Homeowners and renters, including households whose cost of heat is included in the rent, can apply at a LIHEAP agency in their area – visit www.mass.gov/hed/fuel for the listing.

Eligibility is based on a number of factors including but limited to household size and the gross annual income of every household member 18 years of age or older. Household income cannot exceed 60% of estimated State Median Income. You will be provided more information on the application process when you contact your local LIHEAP agency.

For Chatham, the fuel assistance agency is South Shore Community Action Council, Inc. They can be reached toll free at 1-877-383-5243 or 1-508-778-0870 (Hyannis, Nov.- April), or thru their website www.sscac.org. For heating system and weatherization assistance contact the Housing Assistance Corporation at 508-771-5400 or through their website www.haconcapecod.org.

Additionally, the utilities each offer assistance with payment plans, budgeting, and energy savings tips. More information on assistance from [Eversource is available here](#) and from [National Grid is available here](#).

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