

Wellfleet Seasonal Residents Association

Promoting community involvement and communication

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As the weather warms up (although this morning we had snowflakes in Boston), I am sure many of us are thinking about Wellfleet. Here is the latest:

Wellfleet Emergency Management Meeting

I listened in again, as everyone can, to the town's [emergency management meeting](#) on Tuesday at 10 am. There is also a Wellfleet Needs Response Task Force that meets on Zoom on the 1st and 3rd Fridays at 10 am; use the same link.

Highlights of this week's emergency management meeting:

As of Tuesday, there are two active cases in town, two people have been released from care, and there has been one death.

The Department of Public Works is re-prioritizing its work to allow its employees to practice social distancing and workers independently. The transfer station is still only taking trash, no recycling.

The restrictions the state has imposed on short-term rentals remain in place at least until May 1.

Stickers for the beaches can be bought [on line](#). Officials are still working out how this will be managed over the summer.

The elephant in the room was finally discussed: town-managed beaches are now open, as are the beaches in the Cape Cod National Seashore. No one knows yet if/when this will change. It will clearly depend on whether social distancing is required and the orders/guidelines the state government issues. It is hard to imagine individual Cape towns making policy on their own. For example, can Wellfleet's beaches be open when Truro's are not? And what about the National Seashore, which is managed by a federal agency? So we just do not know yet.

Keeping Up to Date

[The Cape Cod Times](#), [Wicked Local](#), [Patch on line](#) and the new [Provincetown Independent](#) provide local coverage. The papers all offer their coronavirus stories for free.

For those of you who do Facebook, there are Wellfleet pages called Wellfleet Community Space and Wellfleet Raw & Unfiltered that reflect some of the needs and concerns.

Helping where we can

The Wellfleet Chamber of Commerce has compiled a list of community resources. Many of these organizations need our donations. Please be as generous as you can, and if you don't mind, mention WSRA when you contribute. Many of our neighbors are hurting, and the longer this continues, the more the need will grow.

- [Lower Cape Outreach Council](#) provides short-term emergency food, clothing and financial assistance to residents of the Lower and Outer Cape and has prepared a [COVID-19 resource page](#).
- The [Wellfleet Food Pantry](#) has teamed up with [Lower Cape Outreach Council](#) to host a community drive-thru food pantry on 4/23 at Grace Chapel in S. Wellfleet. Also, anyone can drive through LCOC in Orleans for food on Mondays from 10a-12p in April. Visit the LCOC website for schedule and details.
- [Common Table at Fox and Crow Cafe](#) is a newly formed, all volunteer-run non-profit founded by Bruce Bierhans, Trudy Vermehren and Scot Besiak in response to COVID-19. Their primary mission is to prepare and distribute meals to anyone in need in the community. Common Table meals are available for delivery only, Monday-Saturday from 8-10am. Meals are free for everyone (kids, adults, seniors), no questions asked. Email commontable6@gmail.com to make delivery arrangements and follow them on [Facebook](#).
- The Wellfleet Marketplace is taking phone orders and offering curbside pick-up for those who are self-quarantining, high-risk or otherwise unable to shop in person, call for more information: 508-349-3156. They will also be open every day from 9-10 am for people who are over 60+ years only.
- [Wellfleet SPAT has released a new "Community Food Share" program](#) to purchase shellfish from local harvesters while also providing food to local families.
- [Sustainable Cape](#) has compiled a list of what Cape Cod growers are offering, including farms who accept HIP & SNAP. This list will be updated as they gather more information from farms.
- [Nauset Public Schools](#) provides food access to students via Wellfleet Elementary School.
- [Housing Assistance Corporation](#) on Cape Cod (HAC) connects residents with local and state resources for rental assistance and mortgage help.
- [Cape Cod & Islands Major Crisis Relief Fund](#) provides humanitarian aid to local individuals and families.

Other resources:

- Area residents looking for information about testing and other medical advice can visit the [Cape Cod Healthcare Coronavirus page](#).
- [Barnstable County Health Department](#) regularly maintains their page with hyper local information and updates.
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- [What's Open: Restaurants, Groceries, Hardware Stores](#), compiled by [The Provincetown Independent](#).

Be safe and well, and careful.

