

Town of China News – September 18, 2020

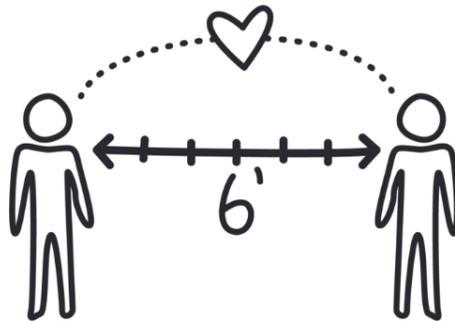
I want to thank every one of you that took the time to send me a card, an email, stop by the office or caught me while I was out and about to wish me well and congratulate me on my new position. I am very proud to work for the Town of China and am thankful for the opportunity to continue to assist the residents and taxpayers.

I feel our community is exceptional in many ways. We have several of bodies of water for people to enjoy. We have an exceptional school system. We support China's businesses, and, in turn, they support us. Homes sell very quickly in China as folks look to move to here. We have many volunteers and elected officials that dedicate countless hours to continue to grow and improve our community. The relationship that exists between your municipal government and you, the citizens, is strong. We are here to help you whether it be at the transfer station for your solid waste and recycling, on the municipal roads serviced by public works, as a part-time China police and animal control officer or our town office staff. We want to provide you the best service.

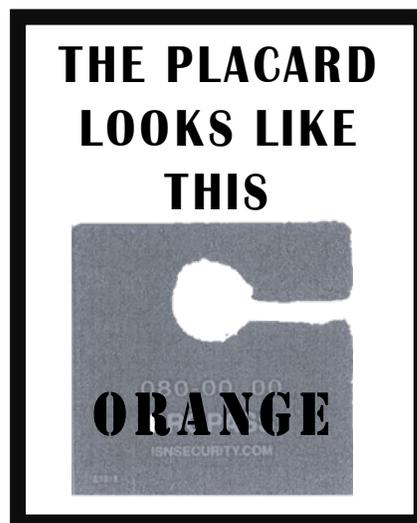
The pandemic has given us some time to think about all the things to be appreciative of. One of the things I am most appreciative of is the friendships I have formed over the years with many of you. During times of tension, I know I can reach out to any of you and you will take time to provide some encouragement and humor. We are all in this together. If you get one thing out of my message this week, I hope it will be that I love this community!

Keep smiling.

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**TRANSFER STATION
PLACARDS DO NOT EXPIRE.
YOU ONLY NEED ONE PER
HOUSEHOLD. IF YOU DO
NOT HAVE AN ORANGE
PLACARD PLEASE PICK
YOURS UP BEFORE
SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 TO
AVOID BEING TURNED
AWAY FROM THE
TRANSFER STATION**



Congrats Kelly!



REMINDER: TAX PAYMENTS MADE BY CHECK CAN BE MAILED TO US OR LEFT IN OUR DROP BOX. IF YOU WOULD LIKE A MAILED RECEIPT, PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE.

We are encouraging residents to take advantage of our online services. Did you know many of the things we help you with here can be done online as well?



Motor Vehicle Registration Renewals at: sosonline.org

Free Burn Permits at: wardensreport.com



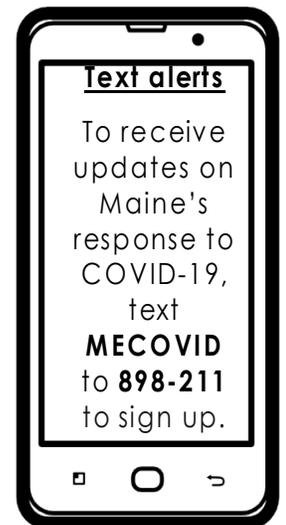
Registration renewals for ATVs, Snowmobiles, Boats & Hunting and Fishing Licenses at: maine.gov/ifw/

Must be able to print license or registration



You can also check out the "Helpful Links" tab on our website! china.govoffice.com

If you are stopping in to pay your taxes, please consider using the walk-up window or waiting outside while a clerk grabs you a receipt to eliminate foot traffic coming through the office.



We expect to receive absentee ballots the first week of October. If you have requested an absentee ballot you can expect them to be mailed soon after that. It is not too late to request an absentee ballot!!! Call us at 207-445-2014 to request one by phone or go to china.govoffice.com to request one online!

COVID-19 testing sites closest to China:

MaineGeneral (Augusta): <https://www.maine-general.org/about-us/maine-generals-covid-19-response/covid-19-testing--screening/>

Testing is by appointment only. Appointments must be made by phone, Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Call 207-621-7590.

Northern Light (Waterville): <https://northernlighthealth.org/Resources/COVID-19/Testing/Asymptomatic>

Testing appointments can be booked online through their web page, or by calling 207-857-8174.

More Covid-19 Testing Sites:

<https://www.maine.gov/covid19/restartingmaine/keepmainehealthy/testing>