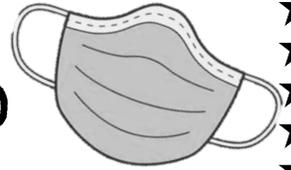


TOWN OF CHINA NEWS - SEPTEMBER 4, 2020



Taxpayers should be receiving their bills any day now. For those that qualified for the homestead exemption, you will notice the exemption increased from \$20,000 to \$25,000. This is a savings of \$372.50. Another change this year was a reduction in the interest rate charged for late payments. This was lowered from 9% to 4.5%. Additionally, the Budget Committee and the Select Board, along with department heads, worked to reduce the town's budget because of an anticipated reduction in revenues due to COVID-19 and other economic factors.

The town is cautiously optimistic as we start the next budget year. COVID-19 has placed many challenges on our residents, our schools, our businesses, our summer population and on our employees. As we forge ahead, please reach out to help your neighbors. If you know of a fellow resident in need that may not ask for help, please reach out on their behalf to the China for a Lifetime Committee, the China Food Pantry, or the town. These are unprecedented times. We have one of the best communities around. Let's rely on each other and support each other.

Becky Hapgood
Town Manager
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STAY HOME IF YOU FEEL SICK

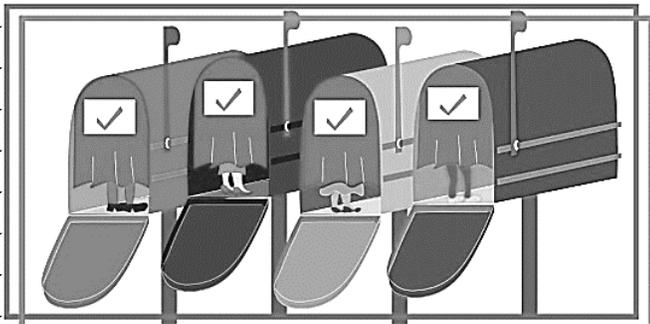


Absentee Ballot applications are available now. Call the town office at (207) 445-2014 or request one at www.china.govoffice.com. We will mail your ballots once the ballots are printed which should be the first week of October. Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, we are encouraging the absentee ballot process.

There will be limited voting booths on Election Day because of the Governor's social distancing restrictions.

Absentee ballots may be returned on Election Day up to the close of polls at 8:00 pm.

Angela Nelson, Town Clerk



Labor Day Hours

TOWN OFFICE:

CLOSED:

Saturday, September 5, 2020
and Monday, September 7, 2020

OPEN:

Saturday, September 12, 2020

TRANSFER STATION:

OPEN:

Saturday, September 5, 2020

CLOSED:

Monday, September 7, 2020

For General Info on
COVID - 19:

Call 211

Text your zip code
to 898-211

Email

info@211maine.org

The China Community Food Pantry is located at 1320 Lakeview Drive, China, ME. The hours of operation are Friday and Saturday from 12:00 p.m. -1:00 p.m. Drive up services are available, and masks are preferred. Food donations can be left on the front porch, money donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 6012, China Village, ME 04926. The Food Pantry currently has an abundance of garden and farm vegetables! Please call 207-968-2421 with any questions.



If you are looking for masks, Cub Scout Pack #479 is doing a fundraiser and has some for sale here at the China Town Office. You can get a 5 pack for \$8.00 or a single mask for \$2.00. If you are in need of a cloth mask but cannot afford the above prices, please feel free to contact scouts479@gmail.com to purchase them at cost.

Please refer to the COVID-19 tab on our website or our Facebook page: Town of China, Maine for resources and to view previous COVID-19 mailings.



The China Town Office is still accepting paper goods and disinfecting supplies to distribute to those in great need. These will be distributed by the China for a Lifetime Committee. **China for a Lifetime Committee contact information:**

chinaforalifetime@gmail.com
Hotline: 207-200-3704

If you intend to dispose of material at the Transfer Station, please remember that your payment is due at the time of disposal. Cash, checks, and cards are accepted. Please refer to our website for disposal fees.

COVID-19 Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

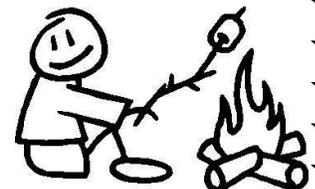
- Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
- Look for emergency warning signs for COVID-19. If someone is showing any of these signs, seek emergency medical care immediately:
- Trouble breathing
 - Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
 - New confusion
 - Inability to wake or stay awake
 - Bluish lips or face
- Call your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.

Remember, Many of The Things You Come into The Office for Can Be Done Online.



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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