



Town of China News - September 25, 2020

As the pandemic continues, our volunteer rescue and fire departments continue to respond during these unique times. Thank you to our first responders who continue to keep our community safe. If you have the opportunity, take a minute to reach out and remind them their service is appreciated. If you are looking to join a department, they are looking for members. Please contact the chief of the department you wish to join.

As we start the 2021-2022 budget process, we are very mindful of revenues and how COVID-19 is affecting everyone's wallet. Currently, China is not experiencing a decrease in municipal revenue sharing or in the collection of excise taxes. This could change, but at this time, we are not facing the shortfall that other municipalities are facing. We will continue to scrutinize our budget.

I want to express gratitude to everyone that has utilized the town office's services over the last few months. Your cooperation with our COVID-19 policies has helped keep our staff safe and feel comfortable in the work environment. Our online services are still available and have seen a dramatic rise in use. Visit our website at www.china.govoffice.com for a list of services and COVID-19 information.

I must ask users of the transfer station wear a mask when you are within 6 feet of another person. Areas that see congestion are the recycling center, the "hopper" and the free for the taking building. The free for the taking building should only have one person inside at a time due to the size of the building per the MCDC guidelines. I understand you want to find that free deal but please be considerate of our staff, our volunteers, and other users. We do not want an outbreak of COVID-19 linked back to our transfer station because 6-foot spacing and mask wearing etiquette was not followed.

As always, please reach out to the town office with any questions, comments, or concerns.



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Various organizations are sending absentee ballot request forms to voters with a return address of the Town Clerk's Office. These notices were not sent out by the Town of China. If you have already submitted an absentee ballot request, you may disregard these forms. For any concerns please call us at 445-2014 or email us at info@chinamaine.org

Mainers Invited to Dispose of Unusable Pesticides *Free disposal, pre-registration by October 9 required*

This free annual program is open to homeowners, family-owned farms and greenhouses. Collections will occur at four sites: Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, and Portland. Participants must pre-register by October 9, 2020. Drop-ins are not permitted. Collected pesticides are taken to an out-of-state disposal facility licensed by the federal Environmental Protection Agency. Information to register and fill out your obsolete pesticide inventory form may be found under "Resources" on the BPC website:

www.thinkfirstspraylast.org.

Pesticides accepted include: herbicides, insecticides, rodenticides, fungicides and similar products used in agricultural production or around the home.

Mills Administration Broadens Standing Order to Allow Anyone in Maine To Get Tested for COVID-19

This standing order (“Order”) authorizes any health care provider or other trained personnel at a health care facility or medically supervised COVID-19 collection site in the state to collect and submit for laboratory analysis specimens to be tested using only either a SARS- CoV-2 molecular² or antigen test for any individual in accordance with the conditions of this Order. It also authorizes the collection site that submitted the specimen for SARS-CoV-2 testing under this Order to receive the results of the test directly from the testing laboratory. This Order further authorizes the laboratory that performed the test for SARS-CoV-2 to provide test results directly to the individual who was tested, with the individual’s consent.

For more information regarding the Standing Order please visit:

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/airborne/documents/StandingOrder-Sept-2020-Update.pdf>



We would like to remind you that it is mandatory to follow COVID-19 related posted signs at our facilities. Masks are mandatory in the Town Office and when visiting the Transfer Station as well. If you plan to stop and recycle **YOU MUST WEAR A MASK**. As of right now under the State of Maine mandates we can only allow limited amounts of people into our buildings. This includes the Free-For-Taking building where no more than ONE person is permitted.



Beginning on August 3, 2020, KVCAP facilities in Waterville, Augusta, and Skowhegan facilities will be open to the public BY APPOINTMENT ONLY due to the risks posed by COVID-19.

Their team is also able to provide services remotely, to help people in need of assistance.

Please email their office at info@kvcap.org or call 1-800-542-8227.

They are sharing numerous resources on our Facebook page.

For more resources and information check out the KVCAP resource manual:

<https://www.kvcap.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Resource-Manual-Web-9-2020-1.pdf>



Are you struggling to pay bills because of Covid-19?



KVCAP is here to help!

KVCAP has received emergency donations and other funds to provide assistance to Kennebec and Somerset county residents affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Call us at 207-859-1500 or email info@kvcap.org