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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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MARLBOROUGH – Today, Mayor Arthur Vigeant and other City of Marlborough officials held a press conference to update the public on the ongoing efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the City of Marlborough.

As announced last week by Governor Charlie Baker, school buildings will be closed for the remainder of the year. Although the buildings are closed, the academic support has not ceased, and teachers and students alike seem to be acclimating quite well to the virtual learning environment and it continues to improve. City and School officials are discussing ways to appropriately honor graduating seniors.

The MPS Meal Continuity Program continues to deliver meals to families on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. All Marlborough families are eligible to participate in this program. This program has been the highlight of several news stories in recent weeks and has served over 85,000 meals to date. To access instructions for picking up meals at community-wide drop off locations or bus stops, please go to <http://bit.ly/mpsmeals> and <http://bit.ly/mpsdropoff>.

In a recent email from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, Marlborough was shown to be the community where local food resources were the most available. Our ability to assist neighbors in times of need is something that has always been a source of pride in Marlborough. [Here](#) you will find an interactive map that shows the location of food resources available to the public during COVID-19 pandemic across the state.

The Marlborough Community Cupboard continues to effectively respond to the increased demand for food caused by the outbreak of COVID-19. Vulnerable individuals and families can depend on

the Marlborough Community Cupboard food pantry located at 255 Main Street. For assistance, please call the Mayor's office at 508-460-3770 or The Community Cupboard at 508-370-4902. Online donations can be made to the Marlborough Community Cupboard at <https://bit.ly/uwotcdonate>. Donations may also be dropped off at the Community Cupboard at 255 Main Street side entrance (Rawlings St.) during regular business hours on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm and Wednesday evenings from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Mayor Vigeant announced the following cancelations and suspensions

- The City of Marlborough is canceling the Public Service Internship Program for the Summer of 2020 Session.
- The Senior Citizen Residential Property Tax Work Off Program will be suspended until further notice.
- The City of Marlborough Memorial Day Parade will be canceled this year. The City is working with the Marlborough Veterans Council to develop an alternate way to observe this important day and recognize the sacrifices of the veterans it honors. Please reach out to Veterans Service Officer Hennessy at 508-460-3782 with questions regarding this matter.

The City is extending the allowance of all residents without a drop off stickers to dispose of bagged yard waste, household trash, and recycling at the 856 Boston Post Road East Resident Transfer Station through the end of May. Residents must show their vehicle registration and driver's license, both bearing the same Marlborough address. This allowance is for yard waste (four biodegradable bags per day), household trash (one garbage bag per day), and recycling. The resident drop-off facility is currently operating regular business hours from 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Saturday.

Curbside yard waste collection has been re-scheduled thru **May 8, 2020**. Residents who wish to have yard waste collected should place waste in biodegradable paper bags at the curb. For further information, please e-mail the DPW at: [dpw@marlborough-ma.gov](mailto:dpw@marlborough-ma.gov) or call 508-624-6910. Drop off locations at Memorial Beach, Causeway Street, Ghiloni Park, Jefferson Street, Jericho, and Elm Street are now closed.

We ask that City of Marlborough residents continue to contact City Hall by phone, email, or mail as City Hall will remain closed to the general public until further notice. Below you will find a list of City of Marlborough taxes and bills extended due to COVID-19, Residents can pay these bills at the following link <https://www.marlboroughma.gov/collectors-office/pages/pay-bills-online>, in the mail to the address listed on your invoice, or placed in the drop box at the main and rear entrances of City Hall. City of Marlborough employees will be available by phone or by email during this time. You can find a directory of City of Marlborough Departments on the city website <https://www.marlborough-ma.gov/departments>.

### **Extensions**

- May 1<sup>st</sup> Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes – Due June 1, 2020
- Motor Vehicle Excise Tax – Demand notice postponed until April 30<sup>th</sup> from March due date
- City Water and Sewer Utility Bills – Extended 60-days from due date

“During these trying and unprecedented times, it is incredibly important that residents are aware of the resources present in their community. By working together, we will be best prepared for the upcoming days, weeks, and months ahead while we respond to the outbreak of COVID-19 and ultimately re-open the City. I am proud of the efforts of this community in the face of adversity and am committed to doing whatever is needed to ensure we are as safe as possible.” said Mayor Arthur G. Vigeant

The City of Marlborough continues to work with our community, state, and federal partners to stay informed and will continue to update residents when new information becomes available. COVID-19 information is also available on the city’s website at <https://city-of-marlborough-coronavirus-responsemarlboroughma.hub.arcgis.com/>. We ask that you stay diligent regarding suggested preventative measures such as hand washing, wearing a mask, and social distancing. If you begin to feel symptoms such as fever over 100 degrees, cough, or shortness of breath, please contact your primary care physician. If you have any questions, please contact the Marlborough Department of Public Health at 508-460-3751, the Office of Mayor Vigeant at 508-460-3770, or the Marlborough Community Hotline at 508-251-5622.

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