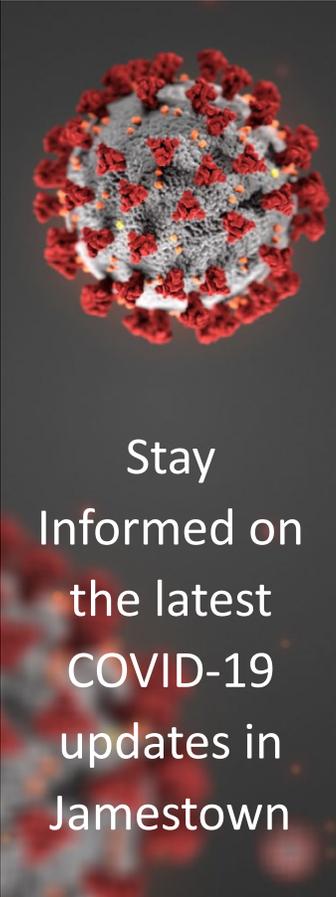
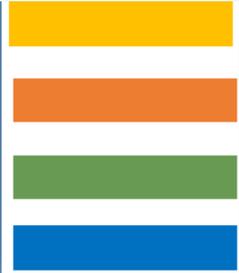


COMMUNITY INFORMATION WEEKLY UPDATE #4



Stay
Informed on
the latest
COVID-19
updates in
Jamestown

Jamestown’s Response:

The Town has continued to monitor and follow all State and Federal guidance to help prevent and contain the spread of the virus for the safety of our community. We encourage every citizen to follow the Department of Health and CDC’s scientific based recommendations by preventing contamination by properly sanitizing all public places such as supermarkets, take out from restaurants and all local establishments. It is also recommended you follow this practice at your place of work and in your homes.

TOWN FACILITIES

All Town Department Services are available by telephone, email, on-line or by appointment only:

All Town Government buildings are closed with limited public access by appointment only.

All Departments within the Town Hall are offering services through telephone, on-line, email, fax, use of drop box and walk up window service located on the West Street side of the Town Hall by appointment only.

Recreation Department also is available by telephone, email or on-line services.

The Senior Services Center meal site is closed; however, the Department continues to coordinate box lunches available either to be picked up or delivered, they are also working with the Jamestown food pantries in coordinating food distribution, you can call the Senior Center for services at (401) 423-9804.

Police, Fire and Public Works Departments limited access, to the buildings also by telephone, email, on-line and by appointment only. Responses for Emergency Services have not changed.

The Library is closed and can be contacted by telephone or email.

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Special points of interest

**PLEASE COMPLETE
YOUR FOOD NEEDS
ASSESSMENT**

Call 423-9804 for
more info.

Town Government meetings:

Our usual schedule of meetings have been postponed in an effort to maintain the social distances and avoid further contamination. However, the Governor has signed an executive order allowing audio and or video public meetings.

The Jamestown Town Council has **scheduled a meeting for:**

April 20, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m.

Please check the Secretary of States web site for information and instructions on access to this meeting and other scheduled meeting dates.

<https://www.sos.ri.gov/divisions/open-government>

also available on the Town of Jamestown's on line calendar and www.jamestownri.gov

Protect yourself by familiarizing with the most up to date information on the virus and how it spreads and by applying these valued precautions also recommended by health experts such as:

- Get your flu shot and encourage the people around you to do the same.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands. Germs spread this way.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you do not have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow, not your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces (especially bedside tables, surfaces in the bathroom, door handles and toys for children) by wiping them down with a household disinfectant.
- Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious foods.
- Those who have family members sick at home with a positive COVID-19 should closely follow your Doctor's advice.
- The CDC does recommend that **all people wear a face cover** to protect themselves from respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19. It is important that we keep the supply of the medical profession's masks available for those who really need them (e.g., healthcare providers and those who are sick). <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>.
- The DOH is asking everyone to **keep a log** of your daily contacts with people for contact tracing. In the event of a positive test result, their staff will be able to reach all known contacts.

Jamestown Conservation Commission
invites you to celebrate the
50th anniversary of
Earth Day
Help Keep Jamestown Beau-
tiful!

Although the COVID-19 pandemic has changed most of our Spring plans, we can still celebrate Earth Day while adhering to containment and social distancing measures. Here are a few ideas to support Earth Day:

- **Individual-small group:** (such as families that are part of a containment unit) backyard and around your neighborhood cleanups: take a trash bag and gloves with you so you can clean up debris along the road or sidewalk
- **Start a compost pile:** composting your food waste will reduce the amount of waste we send to landfills, and once it fully decomposes, you're left with free rich fertilizer for your garden
- **Start a garden:** welcome the spring season by planting native plants, fruits, and vegetables. Check out NativePlantCenter.net to find the perfect native species for your space.
- **Plant a tree:** native trees and shrubs provide food and habitat for pollinators, birds and other

*Save
the Date:*

*“Celebrate
the First
Day of
Summer”
Conanicut
Island
Shoreline
Cleanup:*

*Saturday,
June
20, 2020*



What You Need to Know - Library Services

Visit your library online. All Rhode Island public libraries have a variety of digital resources and services. Many are even offering digital library programs! See the [list of OSL member libraries](#) for websites and contact information.

- **Please do not return your library materials.** We are extending due dates, and any fines associated with the COVID-19 outbreak will be forgiven.

We welcome new library users! [Apply for your library card online.](#) You may also [renew your card online.](#) Your library card will grant you access to statewide digital resources include ebooks and digital audiobooks in our [eZone](#) and more.

- **Holds are temporarily suspended.** Since library buildings are closed and delivery is canceled, it is no longer possible to place items on hold. If you already have items on hold, they should be there for you when library buildings reopen. You may also visit [AskRI](#) and the [Office of Library & Information Services](#) site to learn more about statewide digital library services and resources that you can use while the public libraries are closed. They are developing a collection of online resources for students and families to help all Rhode Islanders meet their learning and recreational needs from home.

In addition, the K12 school library community (RILINK) has prepared a [resource guide to digital learning resources and activities.](#)

Jamestown Philomenian Library is Answering the Governor's Call

Governor Raimondo and Commissioner Infante-Green have challenged **all students in Rhode Island to read for at least 20-60 minutes every single day in the month of April.** We encourage families and educators to get creative and help us band together as a community to promote reading as a daily habit for our students. Here are the guidelines for the amount of uninterrupted reading students should strive to reach each day in April:

- Pre-K and Kindergarteners read or are read to at least 20 minutes
- Grades 1-3 read at least 30 minutes
- Grades 4-5 read at least 45 minutes
- Grades 6-12 at least 60 minutes

[Visit the RIDE Reading Log](#) to submit the minutes and books students read each day!



Show us how the challenge is going by using the using the hashtags #RIReadsAtHome and #ReadTogether on [Twitter](#) (@RIDeptEd), [Facebook](#) and Instagram (@RIDeptEd)!

Visit the [April Reading Challenge](#) page for tips and resources.



Jamestown Philomenian Library is helping with this reading initiative by offering Jamestown students in Grades pre-K-12 the opportunity to receive a book set customized for them. Please follow the link below in order to answer book-related questions and we'll do our best to get a few physical books into your hands! Jamestown will start handing out books on Monday, April 6 at our 26 North Road location. Please be certain to follow all of the instructions in the sign-up sheet, as participants will be given a particular curbside pick-up time.



Key Messages for the Public

Testing

All Rhode Islanders who have symptoms of COVID-19 are urged to call a healthcare provider or urgent care center to get scheduled for a test. Individuals experiencing symptoms must also self-isolate and have as little contact with others as possible.

Patients with health insurance

- If you are tested at an urgent care, physician office, health center, emergency room, or hospital, there is no cost to the patient for lab tests.
- You should not be charged for a visit with a physical exam or a tele-health evaluation for a COVID-like illness.
- If you are charged for either of these services, talk to your provider at the time of service. If you still have questions, contact your health insurer's customer service phone number on the back of your health insurance card.

Patients without health insurance

- You will be charged for a COVID-19 test and/or a doctor's visit if you go to a Respiratory Clinic or to a healthcare provider's office.

You can get a free COVID-19 test two ways:

- Call your provider (if you have one) to get an order for a COVID-19 test at one of the drive-up testing sites at URI in South Kingstown, at CCRI in Warwick, or at Rhode Island College in Providence.
- Go online to be pre-screened for testing and to get an appointment.

Cloth Face Covers:

Dr. Alexander-Scott encouraged Rhode Islanders to consider wearing cloth face covers when in public. A cloth face cover is a material that covers the nose and mouth. It can be secured to the head with ties or straps, or wrapped around the lower face. A cloth face cover could be sewn by hand or improvised from household items such as scarves or T-shirts. (Face covers are different than N95 facemasks. People in the general public should not be purchasing or hoarding medical grade masks, such as N95s.) The primary role of a cloth face cover is to reduce the release of infectious particles into the air when someone speaks, coughs, or sneezes. Cloth face covers are not substitutes for physical distancing, washing your hands, and staying home when ill.



Governor Raimondo Announces COVID-19 Testing Partnership with CVS Health

Governor Gina M. Raimondo announced this week that RI has entered into a partnership with CVS Health to make free, rapid COVID-19 tests available to Rhode Islanders. Tests using the new Abbott ID NOW system will be provided by appointment at a new drive-through testing site at Twin River Casino in Lincoln. This testing site will be able to perform approximately 1,000 tests per day.

Healthcare providers from MinuteClinic, CVS's retail medical clinic, are overseeing the testing. Rhode Islanders who have symptoms of COVID-19 can sign up for a test at www.cvs.com

The symptoms of COVID-19 include any of the following: fever, cough, shortness of breath, muscle aches (myalgias), chills, runny nose or stuffy nose, sore throat, headache, or diarrhea.

Help Your Neighbor Fund Donations being accepted

The Town of Jamestown has launched the "Help Your Neighbor Fund" We are collecting food and essential needs inside the Senior Center at 6 West Street. Please consider dropping off items such as canned goods, non-perishable food, toiletries, dish soap, laundry detergent, pet supplies or other essential items. Monetary donations are also being accepted, please make checks out to the Help Your Neighbor Fund.

Please Do Not Shop for these items, we items that you currently have on hand.

**PLEASE CONTACT
BETSEY ANDERSON
FOR MORE INFO
423-9804**

Chamber of Commerce provides updates on resources for Small Business Owners

This week, the Chamber participated in several conference calls and Facebook Live presentations on the relief package for small business. Please reach out with questions on the programs.

Congressman Cicillini's office provided 3 useful documents on the CARE Act and Payroll Protection Program.

[CARES ACT Small Business Resource Guide](#)
[CARES Act Small Business Resources](#)
[SBA Payroll Protection Program Fact Sheet](#)

Jamestown Businesses

Jamestown Restaurants:

- Aces (online ordering, take out)
- J22 (Delivery and take out)
- East Ferry Deli (take out)
- Angels Kitchen (take out for dinner)

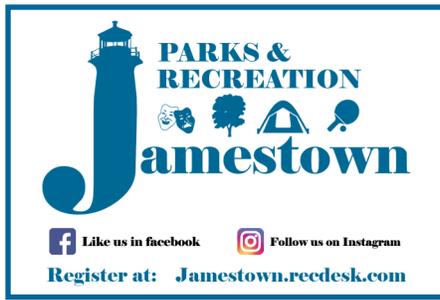
Beer, Wine and Spirits:

- Grapes and Gourmet (curb side)
- General's Crossing (cans and growlers to go)
- Jamestown Wine and Spirits (open).

Retail:

- Latitude (open via email and phone. Taking future orders. Embroidery can be dropped off. Call 862-0685 or email pkcheck88@gmail.com)
- Jamestown Outdoors (online store is 50% off and free shipping),
- Island Heron (online memberships and virtual classes),
- Island Animal (open, curbside service),
- Fuller Gallery (call for service),
- Clancy Design Studio (call for service).
- Conanicut Marine Gift Shop (pay at door with cash or credit. Call 423-1556 or marilyn@conanicutmarina.com)
- Jamestown Art Center: Offering virtual classes!
- Jamestown Golf Course: The golf course is open. They are taking it day by day and have very modified practices. Please call before you head out to play golf, and respect the rules! 401-423-9930
- Conanicut Marine Engine parts daver@conanicutmarina.com with your requests and to arrange drop off/pick up and for launching services, visit website.
- Realtors: Island Realty, Lila Delman, Mansions and Manors, Latitude Yacht Brokerage - All realtor offices are closed. Call to arrange in person, virtual showings and new listings.
- Salons: Call your salon to arrange pick up of products.
- Secret Garden: Call for curbside pick up
- Jamestown Hardware: Open, call for hours. Delivery available.





Jamestowners All-In on the Instagram Alphabet Adventure Scavenger Hunt

We are entering the third week of the contest and with over 20 people submitting photos, this contest is on! We have been super impressed with everyone's creativ-

ity, and totally expect to continue to be blown away. It really gives us at the Recreation Department something to look forward to each day as we tally the scores. It is not too late to get involved, plenty of chances to get caught up, get creative, and have fun!!!



This is an Instagram contest. You must create an Instagram account to play. If you do not have a smartphone, you can also create an Instagram account on a computer and upload pictures from your camera directly to Instagram's website.



Here's how we will play: Each day we will be posting one letter from the alphabet. There will be three words associated with each letter. For example: If the letter of the day is, "F" you might have three

words listed such as, "flag", "flop" and "forging". Each day the three words given will range in difficulty. What we deem as a less challenging word will be scored with a 1 on our point scale. Words we find to be more challenging will be given 3 points and the word we feel will be most difficult to capture will be given 5 points.

You may choose to photograph what you find, video, or both!

DIVE INTO YOUR CREATIVITY!

The panel of judges at the recreation center will be reviewing submissions daily. Your submissions are due by 10 PM each day.



Visit Jamestown.recdesk.com to register today!!!



What to do if you feel sick:

Call your Doctor: If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop symptoms, such as fever, chills, cough, or difficulty breathing, call your healthcare provider for medical advice. In the event you call for the Jamestown Rescue please advise the dispatcher if you suspect you may have the COVID-19 virus. It is recommended by the DOH you perform a daily self-check if you have any of these symptoms call your doctor.

What to do if you are in contact or near a person who has tested positive for COVID-19:

Call your Doctor or medical treatment center, they will advise you depending on the situation what steps to take and what to watch for. They will determine if it was a direct contact. If so, that may require a quarantine period. Indirect contact may require a close self-monitoring and restricted behavior during the monitoring period. Each event must be carefully considered by a health care professional.

Building/Zoning Official Update

NOTICE: Due to Covid-19 the Building/Zoning Office will be closed to the public until further notice.



- **Permit applications:** Will be by E-mail, drop box, or standard mail.
 - Please E-mail plans, and applications to ccosta@jamestownri.net Applications will have. Address, owners name, contractor information, Job description, and material/labor cost.
 - I will review and respond with the permit fee that will be mailed or put into the drop box. (write job address in memos on check) payable to Town of Jamestown. When received I will E-mail permits to applicants.
- **Inspections:** E-mail ccosta@jamestownri.net or call (401) 423-9803 for all inspections.
 - Leave a clear message. Include address, type of inspection, contact number, and property access.
 - Once I'm contacted. I may for some inspections allow video or pictures.
 - General Code question will be answered by E-mail or Phone.
- **Zoning**

All zoning Board meetings have been canceled until further notice.
We are receiving applications for the next available meeting.
E-mail ccosta@jamestownri.net for applications or call (401) 423-9803 for questions.

Clerk's Department Update on Services

- **April 28th Presidential Preference Primary has been postponed to June 2, 2020** - The Mail ballot application is available at the following website: <https://vote.sos.ri.gov/Content/Pdfs/Calendar/PPP-MailBallot.pdf> ! The Primary process is still being reviewed and I will provide information as it becomes available, but I encourage Residents to Apply for a Mail Ballot at the above link. Voter Info: Check your voter status and register to vote by visiting the following link: <https://vote.sos.ri.gov/>
- **Marriage, Birth and Death Certificates – Please visit the following link:** <http://www.jamestownri.gov/town-departments/clerk/vital-records>. Please also contact our office and we can make arrangements to provide service through our window service.
- **Land Evidence (Deeds/ Mortgages)** – Please visit the following link to Search Land Evidence Records at <http://www.jamestownri.gov/town-departments/clerk/land-evidence>. Your Land Evidence Filings can be sent to us for recording at 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown RI. Attention Town Clerk or dropped in our Drop Box located at the back of Town Hall. Please include an email and we can scan and send your record after recording. Please also include a self-addressed stamp envelope for the return of your document.
- **Land Evidence Printing:** Printing Online requires an additional fee to account for the credit card service. So during this time, I would like to offer an additional service for records that you need to print for the same in office cost as prior to Covid-19. Please email me, Karen or Denise the book and pages. We will gladly print those here in the office and provide them to you, through mail or our window service.
- **Probate:** For forms please visit the following website: <https://www.sos.ri.gov/divisions/business-services/probate-forms/> ! There is no Probate Court in March or April. We will review filings for urgency and service each request appropriately.

Erin Liese, Town Clerk
423-9800 eliese@jamestownri.net

Karen Montoya, Deputy
423-9801 kmontoya@jamestownri.net

Denise Gamon, Assistant
423-7282 dgamon@jamestownri.net



Quarantine Order:

Starting immediately, any person coming to Rhode Island by any mode of transportation after visiting another state for a non-work-related purpose must self-quarantine for 14 days. This restriction will not apply to public health, public safety or healthcare workers. If under quarantine, individuals should not leave their home for any reason.

Realtors and hotel operators are directed to include quarantine requirements for any out-of-state renters in their rental agreements.

Commuters: Those who are able to work from home should do so, and anyone commuting in and out of the state for work should remain in their home when not at work.



Latest guidance and information

Stay At Home: The Governor has issued a stay-at-home [order](#) until May 8. This means that all Rhode Islanders should stay home unless getting food, medicine, gas, or going to work.

- **Gatherings:** All gatherings of more than 5 people are banned. Individuals should be interacting with the same people every day to minimize the risk of spread. This order does not apply to healthcare workers in a workplace setting, public transportation or office buildings. However, people must practice social distancing at all times.
- **Travelers:** Any person coming to Rhode Island by any mode of transportation after visiting another state for a non-work-related purpose must [self-quarantine](#) for 14 days. This restriction will not apply to public health, public safety or healthcare workers. [more on self-quarantine](#)
- **Commuters:** Those who are able to work from home should do so, and anyone commuting in and out of the state for work should remain in their home when not at work. [more on self-quarantine](#)
- **Retail Businesses:** In accordance with Governor Raimondo's [Executive Order 20-14](#) issued on March 28th, all non-critical retail businesses were to close as of March 30, 2020 and the Department of Business Regulation is providing a [list of critical and non-critical retail businesses](#).

Executive Order 20-14 - Amended Eleventh Supplemental Emergency Declaration – Staying At Home, Reducing Gatherings, Certain Retail Business Closures and Further Quarantine Provisions (3/28/20)

As of April 3rd, state beaches and parks in Rhode Island will be closed. Campground openings will be postponed until further notice.

Jamestown Senior Services Department

The Senior Services Center meal site is closed; however, the Department continues to coordinate box lunches available either to be picked up or delivered, they are also working with the Jamestown Community Food Pantry and St. Mark's Food Pantry in coordinating food distribution, you can call the Senior Center for services at (401) 423-9804.



Water Department Begins Flushing Water Mains

The Water Department will be flushing water mains throughout the distribution system Monday, April 6, through Thursday, April 30, 2020 between the hours of 7:00am - 5:00pm. (weekdays only) Flushing removes sediment from the system and improves water quality. Your water may become discolored during this period and particular care should be taken while washing clothes. Your cooperation is appreciated.



Outdoor challenges & activities to connect with nature in your backyard

Connecting to your Backyard

While we cannot get you out on the Bay at this time, we are excited to provide new ways to connect you to nature in your own backyard! For the month of April, we are modifying our monthly newsletter to be sent out weekly in order to provide you with ideas, activities, and positive messages to help get you outside, connect with nature, and give back to our Earth and community.

Backyard Building

Calling all builders! This week we challenge you to build a fort or fairy house in your backyard, using whatever natural materials you can find. This challenge is open to all creators, both kids & adults. We can't wait to see what you create with your skills and imagination!

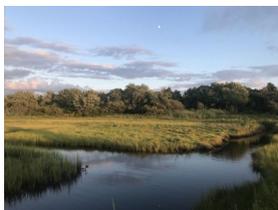
Once your building is complete, send a photo or video to: haley@jamestownnsailing.org to be featured in next week's newsletter and on our social media! If you don't want your photos to be shared, no problem! Just let us know.

Happy building!



De-stress in Nature

The current pandemic and social distancing are contributing to more stress and anxiety for all ages. Research shows that spending time in nature reduces stress and improves happiness. Some doctors even prescribe time in nature to treat anxiety and depression. Each week we will share one way that you can tap into the healing powers of nature to reduce stress during this chaotic time.



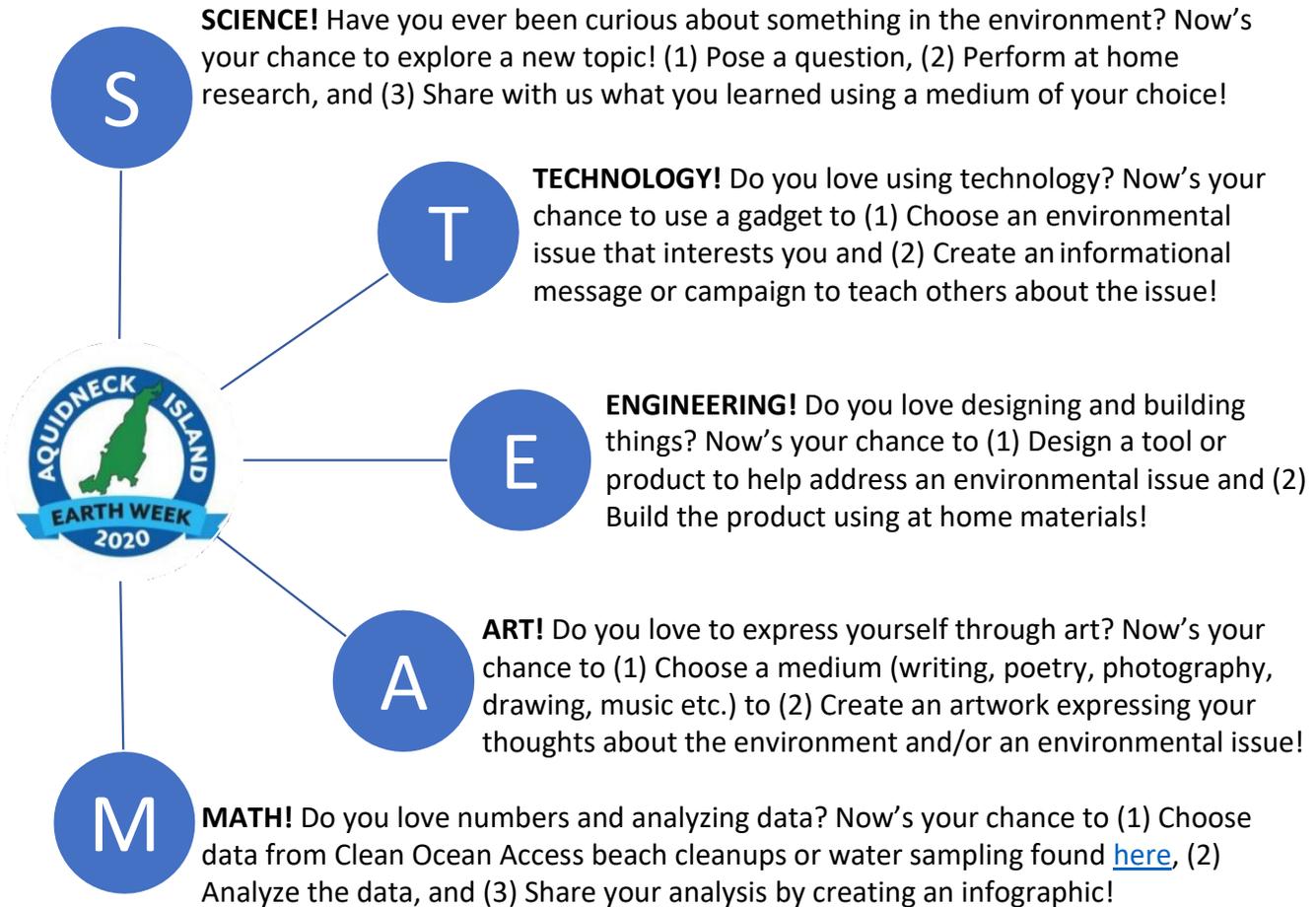
This week, our tip is simple: **disconnect and get outside!** Whether you are strolling along the coastline, hiking in the woods, or just spending time in your backyard, get out into nature. If you have time for a few hours or a few minutes, just do it! Take a few deep breaths, close your eyes, and listen: how many different sounds can you hear.



Aquidneck Island Earth Week: Virtual Student Showcase!

Three communities coming together to celebrate the
50th birthday of Earth Day from April 18th - April 25th

Participate in the first Aquidneck Island Earth Week by creating an environmentally focused project that will be shared with the rest of the community!



Directions to participate in the Virtual Student Showcase:

1. Choose an area(s) of interest within the above S.T.E.A.M. project ideas
2. Design and complete a project focusing on our environment
3. Sign our [electronic waiver](#) so we can share your project on social media!**
4. Submit projects using this [FORM](#) by **Wednesday April 15th**
5. There will be prizes for submissions featuring our Clean Ocean Access Gear!

Students of all
ages in Rhode
Island can
participate!

**projects will only be shared via Clean Ocean Access social media if the waiver is signed!



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