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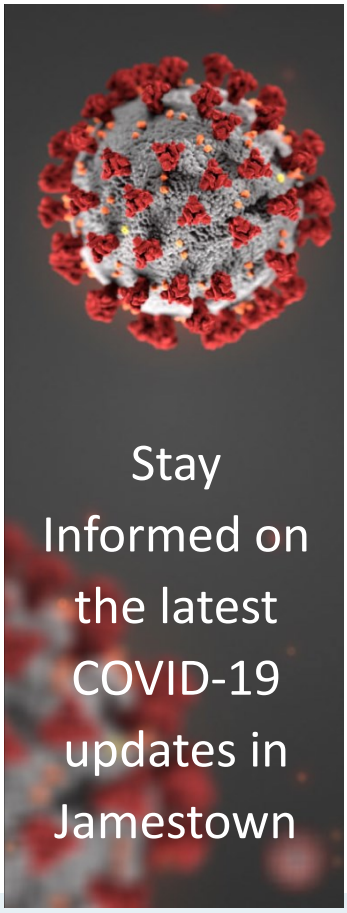

Town of Jamestown conducts first ever Zoom meeting of the Town Council

4/20/2020 - On Monday night, the Jamestown Town Council began the process of getting back to business, albeit in a different fashion. Due to the COVID -19 outbreak, we all have had to adjust the way we conduct ourselves at home, work, and out in the public to ensure the safety of ourselves and our community. The new meeting practice utilizing Zoom technology, allows for regular business of the Town Council to continue, while remaining transparent to the public in doing so.

Anyone can "attend" the Town Council zoom meetings by using one of the two below steps:

- ***The Public may join the meeting by Computer/Tablet/Smartphone*** *by following the Zoom link provided on each meeting Agenda. You may continue joining by following the prompts to use your browser, or you may download the Zoom App. To participate during Public Hearing or Public Input click on the Raise Hand Icon at the bottom of your screen.*
- ***To Join the Meeting by Phone:*** *On your phone, dial the phone number provided on each meeting's Agenda. You will also be required to enter the "Meeting ID" followed by the # on your keypad. By Default you will be muted, To participate during Public Hearing or Public Input you will press *9 to raise your hand.*

The next Town Council Meeting to be held via Zoom is scheduled for Monday April 27, 2020 at 6:30pm. You may follow this link to the agenda and meeting details.

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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 27, 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

Town Council Meeting Details
Monday April 27, 2020
6:30pm

Please note the access information below as the meeting will be teleconferenced via Zoom.

PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-05 EXECUTED BY GOVERNOR GINA RAIMONDO ON MARCH 16, 2020, THIS MEETING WILL BE TELECONFERENCED VIA ZOOM:

The public is invited to observe the deliberations of this meeting by accessing the meeting link set forth herein

TO JOIN THE MEETING BY COMPUTER/ TABLET:
https://zoom.us/j/97442326854

Meeting ID: 974 4232 6854
You may continue joining by following the prompts to use your browser, or you may download the Zoom App. To participate during Public Hearing or Public Input click on the Raise Hand Icon at the bottom of your screen.

For those without access to video observation platforms, you may also call in to listen to the deliberations of this meeting by using the call in phone number provided herein.

TO JOIN THE MEETING BY PHONE:
On your phone, dial (646) 558-8656 or (253) 215-8782. Enter the Meeting ID: 974 4232 6854 followed by # when prompted using your keypad.
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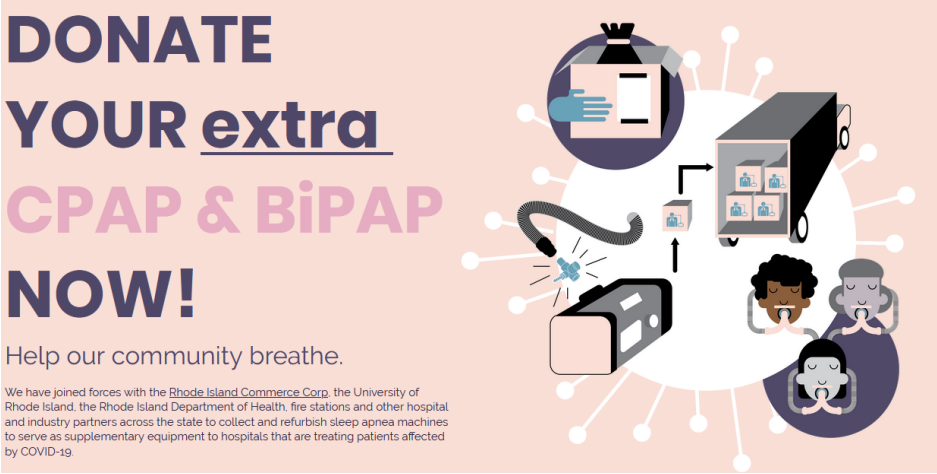


How to Donate in Jamestown:

CPAP & BiPAP's can be dropped off at the Jamestown Fire Department at 50 Narragansett Ave.

Please follow the sanitization procedure below before delivering your machines.

1. Remove any parts that were in contact with a person (air masks, air hose).
2. Discard any remaining water in your unit's humidifier.
3. Wash your hands and wipe down all surfaces with an unscented disinfecting spray or wipes.
4. Wash your hands again, and write the machine's information (machine type, make, model) on a piece of paper. You can also print [this form].
5. Place the machine and power cord in an unscented garbage bag and tie to close. Tape the paper with the machine information to the bag.
6. Please also fill out this [GoogleForm] to help us collect information digitally. This will help us understand what types of machines are coming our way.
7.Drop off your bag at one of the designated fire stations, making sure to maintain 6 feet between you and other individuals and follow proper handwashing procedures before, during and after delivery.
8.Do not bring your machine to a collection site if you or someone in your home has been sick in the last 14 days.

*Thank you! Again, we are only accepting new and used machines that are not currently in use. Please do not donate a machine that you or somebody needs.

https://www.ventilatorproject.org/donate-now

Governor Provides Updates on PPE, Field Hospitals, and Frontline Housing

Governor Gina M. Raimondo and Nicole Alexander-Scott, MD, MPH, the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH), provided updates on Rhode Island's response to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) this week.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): In the past two weeks alone, Rhode Island has received shipments totaling more than 1.5 million surgical masks, 90% of which have come from the private market. That brings the state's total on hand to nearly 2 million surgical masks. This will allow healthcare workers in hospitals, nursing homes, urgent care centers, and sites that are serving as Respiratory Clinics to change out surgical masks on a daily basis.

- **Field hospitals**: Over the weekend, work on the field hospitals at the Rhode Island Convention Center and the former Citizens building in Cranston was completed, adding almost 1,000 beds to the state's capacity.
- **Frontline housing:** The state has partnered with Brown University to provide free single-occupancy dormitory housing to frontline workers. Brown has made more than 700 rooms available to the state for free. This program is specifically for medical personnel, first responders, members of public safety and congregate care and home care workers. This is not for people who have tested positive for coronavirus or have related symptoms. Workers who are interested in accessing the free housing option should contact their employer.

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.

ATTENTION JAMESTOWN VOTERS

IMPORTANT DATES

REPUBLICAN and DEMOCRATIC
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY

June 2, 2020

May 3, 2020 - Last day to register to vote, change address/name. Town Hall will have registration forms on the outside door on the West Street side of the Town Hall to fill out and use the drop box for finished forms, or visit vote.ri.gov to register or submit any changes.

May 4, 2020 - Last day to change party affiliation

May 11, 2020 - Board of Canvassers meeting 10:00 AM, Town Hall, to Canvass and correct the list of qualified voters.

May 19, 2020 - Final date at 4 pm for Board of Canvassers to receive Mail Ballot applications.

May 20, 2020 - Emergency Mail Ballot voting period begins.

June 1, 2020 - Final date by 4:00 pm to vote by emergency ballot.

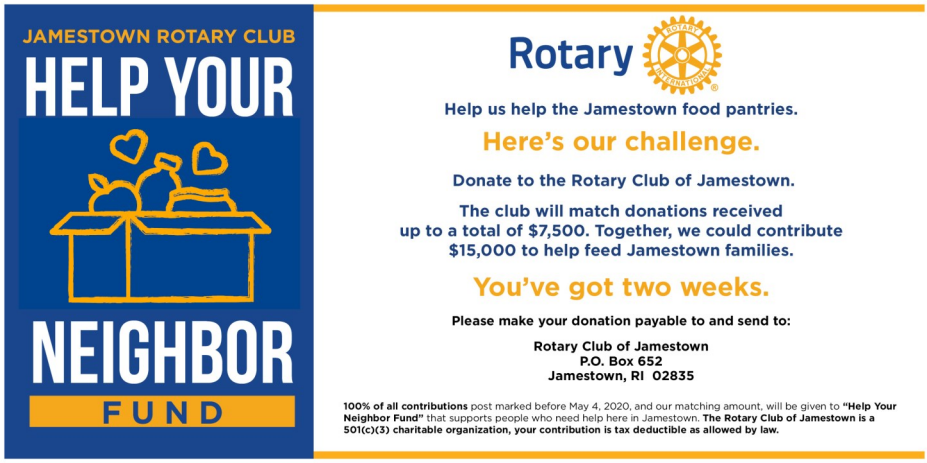
June 2, 2020 - REPUBLICAN and DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY
7:00 am to 8:00 pm

ALL DISTRICTS WILL BE COMBINED INTO 1 POLLING PLACE FOR THIS PRIMARY ONLY

Districts 1 and 2 vote at:

JAMESTOWN TOWN HALL
93 Narragansett Avenue

Please visit vote.ri.gov for all voter information, current party, address and status or contact



Contribute In The Next Two Weeks, Rotary Matches

JAMESTOWN ROTARY CLUB ISSUES FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE TO SUPPORT JAMESTOWN FOOD PANTRIES, COMMUNITY FUND

Aim to Raise $15K

Aiming to raise $15,000 to support the Jamestown food pantries, the Jamestown Rotary Club this week launched a fundraising challenge to the community: Donate to the Rotary Club of Jamestown and the club will match donations received up to a total of $7,500. All of the funds will go to the ***"Help Your Neighbor Fund"*** supporting local food pantries.

The Rotary Club of Jamestown is asking people to contribute within the next two weeks. With the club offering to match total contributions up to $7,500, this fundraising challenge could contribute $15,000 to help feed neighborhood families.

The Rotary Club is asking that donations be made out to and sent to: Rotary Club of Jamestown, P.O. Box 652, Jamestown, RI 02835.

One-hundred percent of contributions postmarked before May 4, 2020, and the Club's matching amount, will be donated to the "Help Your Neighbor Fund" that supports people who need help here in Jamestown. The Rotary Club of Jamestown is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, your contribution is tax deductible as allowed by law.

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.

PARKS & RECREATION
Jamestown
Like us in facebook
Follow us on Instagram
Register at: Jamestown.recdesk.com

Instagram Alphabet Adventure Scavenger Hunt

Submissions of the Week

Chamber of Commerce provides updates on resources for Small Business Owners

Stay tuned this week, as the Governor will be proving information on the states approach to opening the economy.

Today, she listed 6 questions/criteria that will be asked prior to opening segments/sectors of the economy.

1. Has the rate of spread continued to decrease.
2. Do we have the capacity to quickly identify community spread on an ongoing basis before a major outbreak occurs.
3.Do we have the necessary supports in place for vulnerable populations and for anyone in quarantine?
4. Does our healthcare system have the capacity and the PPE to handle future surges
5. Do businesses, schools, child care sites, faith based organizations, and recreational spaces have plans for long term social distancing
6. Are we prepared to reimpose measures to re-close certain sectors of the economy if it becomes necessary?

APPLICATIONS OPEN TODAY at 3:00pm ET!!!! US Chamber of Commerce Foundation Save Small Business Fund. Grant Applications open on April 20 at 3:00pm ET.

The **US Chamber of Commerce Foundation** will accept applications for the Save Small Business Fund, a grant making initiative offering short-term relief for small employers in the United States and its territories. Grant applications opened on April 20, 2020. For more information on eligibility, grant timeline, and more, visit savesmallbusiness.com.

Small Business Opportunity at RISmallbusiness.org
Please be sure to list your business on RISmallbusiness.org. They have billboards throughout the state and are developing a longer term strategy to promote small businesses through this website. Please utilize this free service for small business in RI.

Home Care Assistance Of RI has an Urgent opportunity to step up and serve our neighbors in Nursing Residences and Rehab facilities. Let us keep our seniors safe and reassure their families that their loved ones are cared for and supported by dedicated care providers. Nursing Homes, Rehab and Assisted Living Facilities are in need of supplemental staff to support their healthy populations to keep them safe and healthy. You will find the information in the attachment below with incentives, requirements, and expectations. The link to apply is https://hcari.clearcareonline.com/apply/. Job Description

Key Information to the Public

Individuals and Families

If you are unemployed or have been laid off, please contact the Dept. of Labor and Training. Their factsheet will help guide you and answer your questions (English, Spanish)

The Federal CARES Act extended unemployment benefits for gig economy workers, small business owners, workers for hire, self-employed individuals and those who are otherwise ineligible for regular unemployment insurance benefits. Apply here.

There are over 2,000 job openings in R.I. Visit EmployRI.

Utility shut-offs have been suspended until April 15th. Evictions have been suspended until May 17th.

Free "Grab and Go" meals are available for children throughout Rhode Island. Locations here.

Health Source RI will remain open for new subscribers until April 30th. Visit

Rhode Island partnered with Care.com to increase childcare access. In addition to providing 90 days of free, premium access to their website, Care.com has created portals specifically for frontline workers and caregivers in R.I.- www.care.com/rineed.

Hotel rooms are available at reduced costs for quarantine/isolation at Visit RI Havens.

Jamestown's Food Pantry: Contact Betsey Anderson @ 401-423-9804 or at Banderson@jamestownri.net

BH Link: If you or a someone you love is going through a mental health or substance use crisis, there is help available: 401-414-LINK (5465), https://www.bhlink.org/, Triage Center: 975 Waterman Ave., East Providence

For mental health assistance for children under 18, please call 855-543-5465

The R.I. United Way 211 hotline is available 24 hours, 7 days a week to answer questions and connect you with the supports you may need.

Businesses and Non-Profits

SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans and Loan Advances: Questions and Application
SBA Paycheck Protection Program: Questions and Application

Short-term bridge loans for restaurants and microbusinesses: R.I. restaurants and small businesses are eligible (businesses must have 1 to 10 employees; restaurants may have any number of employees). Applications here.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and understanding in this uncertain time.

Contact us: If you have any Town related questions or concerns please send your questions to the Town Administrator at: jhainsworth@jamestownri.net or call 401-423-9805.

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, online and by appointment only. Responses for Emergency Services have not changed.

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

Jamestown Schools are Distance Learning and can be contacted by telephone or email.

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.

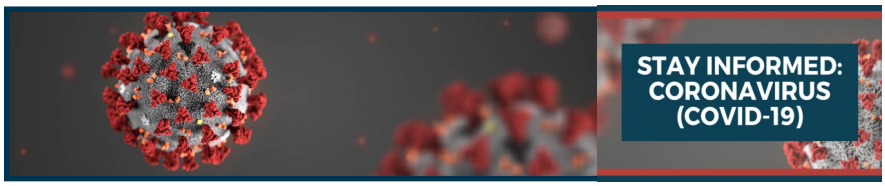
- **Land Evidence Printing:** Printing Online requires an additional fee to account for the credit card service. So during this time, I would like to offer an additional service for records that you need to print for the same in office cost as prior to Covid-19. Please email me, Karen or Denise the book 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



Rhode Island Department of Health
3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908 | www.health.ri.gov

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.

- Anyone who is sick should stay home and self-isolate (unless going out for testing or healthcare).
- The people who live with that person and who have been in direct close contact with that person should self-quarantine for 14 days after the last day that that person was in isolation. Direct close contact means being within approximately 6 feet of a person for a prolonged period.
- Help is available for people living in quarantine or isolation due to COVID-19. Visit www.RIDelivers.com for connections to groceries, home supplies, restaurants, and mutual aid groups. People can also call 2-1-1.
- When people are in public, they should wear a cloth face covering. A cloth face covering is a material that covers the nose and mouth. It could be sewn by hand or improvised from household items such as scarves, T-shirts, or bandanas.
- Groups of more than five people should not be gathering. Always avoid close personal contact with other people in public.
- Healthcare workers should not be going to work if they are sick (even with mild symptoms).
- People who think they have COVID-19 should call their healthcare provider. Do not go directly to a healthcare facility without first calling a healthcare provider (unless you are experiencing a medical emergency).

People with general, non-medical questions about COVID-19 can visit www.health.ri.gov/covid, write to RIDOH.COVID19Questions@health.ri.gov, or call 401-222-8022. This is the COVID-19 Hotline that RIDOH has available to the public.

- Everyone can help stop the spread of viruses in Rhode Island.
- Get your flu shot, and make sure the people around you do the same.
- Wash your hands often throughout the day. Use warm water and soap. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- Stay home and do not leave your house if you are sick, unless it is for emergency medical care.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs spread this way.

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.

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Governor Raimondo Announces Schools to remain closed through the end of the school year.

Rhode Island public schools are continuing with distance learning for the rest of the school year, Gov. Gina Raimondo announced Thursday.

Raimondo made the announcement at her daily 1 p.m. news briefing.

Distance learning started March 23, one week after Raimondo closed public school buildings because of the coronavirus pandemic and moved April break to mid-March so teachers and administrators could prepare. Raimondo later announced school buildings would stay closed through April.

As of last week, the governor said she was not yet ready to give up on the possibility of schools reopening this year, but said she would make an announcement this week. Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker announced on Tuesday that schools in that state would remain closed for the rest of the year.

The R.I. Department of Education in recent days expanded its distance learning helpline to students and parents, which was previously only available to teachers, and sent out a 22-page distance learning guide, signaling that virtual learning would be continuing at least past April.

Jamestown Conservation Commission invites you to celebrate the 50th anniversary of

Earth Day

Help Keep Jamestown Beautiful!

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 Native-PlantCenter.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 critters. Register with RIDEM for free tree plantings: www.arborday.org/RIDEM

Save the date for a "Celebrate the First Day of Summer" Conanicut Island Shoreline Cleanup: Saturday, June 2 0,2 02 0

Jamestown Senior Services Department

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Outdoor challenges & activities to connect with nature in your backyard

Each week we share one tip for how you can use nature to help you de-stress. This week, we suggest creating a **nature mandala!** Creating art can have a similar, calming effect to being in nature, and thus putting them together can be very powerful. You can create your mandala with shells, rocks, and sea glass, as seen above, or with flowers, leaves, and sticks. Make your mandala as small or as big as you want. And of course, we would love to see it! Please send a photo to: haley@jamestownsailing.org

This week's 'Weekly Positive' takes place on beaches all over the world, specifically, in India and Brazil, where sea turtles have been able to lay their eggs, and newly hatched babies make their way to the ocean, without any disturbance from humans. Due to lock-downs and shelter in place orders all over the world, beaches are deserted, causing record numbers of baby sea turtles to hatch and make it to the ocean.

In India, 475,000 endangered Olive Ridley sea turtles have been creating nests in broad daylight for the first time in seven years. In Brazil, many Hawksbill turtle hatchlings made it in to the ocean. Without human interference, the sea turtles have been able to lay eggs, and hatch safely in record numbers.