



# Whitefield News

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## Whitefield Food Pantry

The Whitefield Food Pantry would like to thank all the people who have generously donated to our organization during this crisis. Because of you, we are able

to be open weekly to serve our community. Since March, we have added 10 new households to our clientele, many of these are large families. So we thank you.

Please, if you are in need, or know of someone who is food insecure, please visit the Pantry. We are open the first Friday of the month from 10-3, and the following Saturdays (not the 1st Saturday as we are open that Friday) from 10-1. We only need to know your name and how many are in your household. Call Jeanne 549-7014 or Janet 549-3672 with questions or concerns.



## Select Board Corner

by Lise Hanners

The Select Board has been busy in the past month, keeping Whitefield moving forward while monitoring the economic fallout of the Covid-19 pandemic so we can plan accordingly for the upcoming budget. This summary will go into a little more detail on preparations we're making to keep the public and Town employees safe and our Town on a solid financial footing as we move forward to open up and regain some sense of normalcy in our community. Below are issues of likely interest to residents of Whitefield from the Select Board meetings of the previous month. The Select Board met remotely on Zoom on April 28 and May 12. For a complete description of the issues before the Board each meeting, please click this link: <https://townofwhitefield.com/agendas-minutes/> to go to the Town website and read the Select Board minutes.

- State elections have been rescheduled for July 14<sup>th</sup>. The Select Board is working on a plan for one-way flow of the public through the Fire Station allowing people to enter one door and exit from another, limiting the number of people inside and maintaining social distancing. We are looking for an Elections Warden; if you are interested please call Darlene Beaulieu at the Town Office at 549-5175. If you

are interested in obtaining an Absentee Ballot, please call the Town Office.

- At the May 26 meeting the Select Board will be deciding when and how to hold Town Elections and Meeting safely, more on that decision in the next newsletter! And check the website for updates.
- Estimates on State revenue sharing to Maine towns are down from pre-Covid 19 projections about 20-40%. The Select Board is paying close attention to declining Town revenues and will be re-writing the Town Warrant Articles (previously posted in the 2019 Town Report) both to reduce anticipated expenses and to streamline the number of articles.
- The Select Board has already decided to postpone planned road paving and culvert replacement (a major part of the Town annual budget) to only that absolutely needed. Work on the Leonard's Bridge will be limited to the cost of design work only this year, with intention to move forward with construction next year. This decision was made in consultation with the DOT to ensure public safety along with fiscal prudence.
- Projects moving forward this summer will include brush pick up and clearing on roadsides and roadside mowing. The Town salt and **Continued on Page 2**

## Out and About in Whitefield

By Christine LaPado-Breglia, [christine.lapado@gmail.com](mailto:christine.lapado@gmail.com)

Whitefield's own ProKnee Corp., a widely known manufacturer of industrial knee pads, recently branched out into the production of personal protective equipment (PPE) in response to a need generated by the COVID-19 pandemic. As ProKnee owner Lee Richards put it in a recent press release, "After securing a large batch of Lexan polycarbonate sheets, I knew we had everything we needed to get started right away on a superior, reusable face shield."

I was able to catch up with Jordan W. Richards, ProKnee's busy marketing director, and we did a short Q&A:

**Christine LaPado-Breglia:** Who are you selling the face shields to in Lincoln County?

**Jordan W. Richards:** Generally, just to name a few, Newcastle Fire Department, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Jefferson Fire and Rescue, [the Maine Department of] Marine Resources, grocery stores across Lincoln County, hardware stores across Lincoln county; health care facilities across Lincoln County, and dentists, nail technicians, bookstores, and hair salons out of Boothbay.

**CLB:** Can "ordinary" people purchase the PPE from you? If so, how?



**JWR:** Yes, most certainly! We have special at-cost, factory-direct pricing for Maine residents, who can place an order through our online

form, [www.proknee.com/face-shield-order-form](http://www.proknee.com/face-shield-order-form), or by calling 1-800-549-5018. Pickup is available at our 137 Devine Road, Whitefield, location, but order pickup must be scheduled beforehand to ensure we have your order ready. Out-of-state residents can purchase through our Maine distributor, Independence Floor Supply, out of Westbrook, at [www.ifsupply.com/covid-19-polycarbonate-face-shields/](http://www.ifsupply.com/covid-19-polycarbonate-face-shields/).

**CLB:** What has the response been to your PPE production, both in terms of sales and comments from the public?

**JWR:** Happy to report that the response has been extremely positive from across the state of Maine! From the vast amount of supportive comments, reactions, and shares to our initial and subsequent Facebook posts, to the evening news pieces by WGME and News Center Maine. Sales have been reflective of this, enough so that we came out with an additional longer, wider, deeper model, the "Max Protection" model, to accommodate the needs of dentists to fit their **Continued on Page 2**



**Town from Pg. 1** sand shed has a damaged arch that will be repaired as well as the back wall. As part of that repair, a shed will be added to the back to provide cover for the road grader.

- For information about Covid-19 protocols for the Town Office and Recycling Center, please see a separate article in this newsletter. By the time this article comes out, the Town Office will have re-opened (May 18) and the Recycling Center opened the week after (May 23).

**ProKnee from Pg. 1** surgical loupes [magnification devices used to see small details closely] as they look to meet new government requirements to open back up.

**CLB:** How long will you continue to do this?

**JWR:** We plan to keep our reusable face shields as part of our permanent line as we designed them to meet our ProKnee standards of making durable, long-lasting products that are custom fitted to the user. We normally produce another type of PPE, custom-fit kneepads, so the shields actually complement what we normally manufacture quite wonderfully.

**CLB:** Anything else you would like to say?

**JWR:** Our future plans include adapting a version to suit the needs of the construction industry, our standard customer base.

*ProKnee Corp. is online at [proknee.com](http://proknee.com).*

## Kings Mills July Fourth celebration cancelled

By Sue McKeen

Well, **Bye, Bye Miss American Pie**, at least for this year. The July Fourth celebration and parade are yet another event added to the long list of cancellations due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Since 1947, when the fire department was first established, the Kings Mills Fire Department has hosted the iconic celebration as a way to help raise money to offset the costs of fire services and provide the community with a real home- town party. I spoke with Jeff Newell, spokesperson for the Kings Mills Fire Department and long- time chair of the July Fourth celebration. He commented, "In my lifetime, I've never seen anything like this, it's just sad." He also wants the public to remember not to drop off auction items this year. Jeff stated, and we all agree, "Maybe not this year, but we'll be back, same time, next year."



## Town Office News

The office reopened to the public on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The hours are the same as before closing to the pandemic. Please check our website at [www.townofwhitefield.com](http://www.townofwhitefield.com) for the protocols upon entering the office.

Monday/Tuesday	8-4
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	7-12 and 3-7
Friday	8-2

The State Elections will be held on July 14<sup>th</sup> at the Central Fire Station between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm. Due to the pandemic, we need to keep everyone safe. The six foot rule will be in place. Face mask is recommended. You can receive an absentee ballot by going onto our website under the Government tab under Clerk's corner to request a ballot or you can call the Town Office at 549-5175 to request one as well.

The Office Staff thanks you in advance for keeping us safe!

## Whitefield School food pantry continues to need support

Due to increased need, the Whitefield school food pantry continues to be in need of food supplies. Your monetary donations will be very much appreciated and will allow for continued deliveries to the kids and families who are struggling during this most difficult time. Please consider dropping a donation at the school. Thank you for your support.

## Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration

The Whitefield School is taking registrations for Pre-K and Kindergarten for the upcoming year. Please call the school at 549-7691 or email Amy at [aperkins@svrsu.org](mailto:aperkins@svrsu.org).





# Whitefield Historical Society "Just Yesterday"



## SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW WHITEFIELD?!

"Oops" This is the Coopers Mills bridge on Main Street when it collapsed in 1921. Courtesy of the Whitefield Historical Society.

## Sheepscot General News

Submitted by Liza Gottlieb

We here at Sheepscot General aren't waiting for the dust to settle - we are busily working to keep you and your household stocked with everything you need. Fill out the online order form, and we will pack it up for you and bring it right out to your car when you arrive. Let us know when you can come, and we'll be waiting for you.

We have a wide variety of produce, much of it organic, more and more of it local as the growing season progresses. We also stock a nice selection of home, health, and body supplies (including rolls of TP!). If we want or need it, we try to keep it in stock.

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## LOCAL BUSINESS UPDATES

In an effort to keep you informed, we are listing below some of the local businesses that are open.

*Aunt Gin's Restaurant* – plans to reopen the ice cream window on the front of the building with outdoor seating. We'll also have "take-out" style foods available there. Regular, full-menu takeout/ curbside will also be available

*Country Corners* - Open

*Elmer's Barn* – Opening June 1<sup>st</sup>

*Hair Works* – Open – call for appointment. 549-3375

*North Whitefield Superette* – Open

*Sheepscot General Store* – Open for takeout. They have lots to offer under the orders page on their website including "Picnic Kits". There are picnic tables around the property and plenty of field space for picnic blankets.

*Sheepscot Links Golf Course* – Open. Please call in advance for Tee times. 549-7060.

*Amish businesses* - Open

## Town Office and Recycling Center Open!

by Lise Hanners

The Town Office re-opened on May 18 and the Recycling Center opened on May 23. The office is operating with a Covid-19 protocol. Only two members of the public will be allowed to enter at one time. When you come to the office you will see a sign indicating that you should STOP outside – and wait for the indication that you are welcome to enter the office. To the left of the door in the window you will see a red STOP sign which means two people are already inside; when the sign switches to green (or the staff waves you in) you may proceed inside. While you conduct your business at the counter, you will notice some very nice new plexiglass shields installed. Select Board member Keith Sanborn generously volunteered his time to cut and erect shields at both windows with a divider between them to protect the staff and the public from any unwanted sharing of germs or virus at any time of year. The counter will be disinfected between customers. And, as is becoming normal today, remember to always keep at least 6 feet apart from others and wear a mask in any part of your visit to the office.

The Recycling Center opened on May 23. The outside bins have remained open to the public even during the closure of the Center. The building is now open on Saturdays from 8:00-12:00 and will admit only one person at a time through the open garage door. The entrance to the building will be partially closed off with barrels to help Julianna Elder regulate the people entering and exiting the building. The Swap Shop will be closed for the foreseeable future because it is too difficult to ensure the safety of donated items while managing people using the recycling portion of the building.

Town staff gave a great deal of thought and consideration to these procedures and are eager to see Whitefield returning to normal. Please be patient during any delays in your visits and welcome back!



## JUNE 2020 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR.

**MOST EVENTS AND MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CONTACT THE GROUP OR MEETING PLACE TO SEE IF YOUR EVENT IS STILL OCCURRING**

- 5th** **WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY**, St. Denis Hall, 10-3 pm
- 9th** **SELECT BOARD** If you wish to attend the meeting, please call the town office 207-549-5175
- 13th** **WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY**, St. Denis Hall, 10-1 pm  
**RSU SCHOOL BOARD MEETING** Please check the website for meeting date and availability online.
- 18th** **PLANNING BOARD**, Town Office 6:00 pm
- 20th** **WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY**, St. Denis Hall, 10-1 pm
- 23rd** **SELECT BOARD** If you wish to attend the meeting, please call the town office 207-549-5175
- 27th** **WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY**, St. Denis Hall, 10-1 pm



### Sheepscot Continued from Pg. 3

Our Deli Menu is also available for takeout: sandwiches, hot or cold; sides, like chicken salad and potato salad; fresh quiche daily; hot soup. And our famous pizza is available all week long - thin crust or homemade gluten-free.

We take your health as seriously as we take our own. Many of our employees have family members who are at-risk, so we take the daily steps needed to keep us all safe. We miss the slow casual conversations around the counter, though!

Our website is the best way to keep abreast of the latest, whether it's the freshest produce or the daily quiche special. There are links to the menu, pictures of all the groceries, social media with the daily specials. You can find us at: [www.sheepscotgeneral.com](http://www.sheepscotgeneral.com)

You don't even have to go online- give us a call at 549-5185.

By the time the next newsletter comes out, we'll be gearing up for u-pick strawberries, so we all have that to look forward to!

**Notice** "Anyone who was a past client of Lore Ford, Esq. can pickup their file(s) by contacting [rtsmith79@hotmail.com](mailto:rtsmith79@hotmail.com) OR (207) 549-4951."

**STUFF FOR SALE- We encourage anyone to send us their classified ad. This is a free service. Email [whitefieldtownnews@gmail.com](mailto:whitefieldtownnews@gmail.com)**

Antique Wood Dog Sled, touring style. Asking price based off appraisal. Please call 549-4902 for further information.

Thule bike rack- made for trailer hitch. Fit 4 bicycles. \$ 50. Call or text 549-4902.

2 Bifold closet doors, solid pine. Dark wood stain on one side each door, back side unfinished. Good condition. Measures 78 1/2 "H x 24" W (open fold). \$35 for 2. Please call or text 549-4902

Snow tires- set of 4 Firestone Winter force 2 UV -225/65 R17. Excellent condition, used 2 seasons with low mileage. \$325. Please call or text 549-4902

Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 15th of the month. [whitefieldtownnews@gmail.com](mailto:whitefieldtownnews@gmail.com) Whitefield Newsletter Committee: Cheryle Joslyn, Kit Pfeiffer, Sue McKeen, Tony Marple, Christine Lapado-Breglia, Lise Hanners & Debbie Rogers.

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