

Town of Middlebury
Emergency Management Bulletin
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Lights in the Darkness

As the saying goes, a single candle can curse the darkness. Daily status reports can seem like purveyance of doom and gloom. But in the gloaming there are those who give us all encouragement. This week, we want to recognize Pierre Vachon- local bon vivant, character, renaissance man, humanitarian and all around good guy. While the world is hunkering down, Pierre, out of the limelight, is out delivering groceries and supplies to the vulnerable, providing essential service providers with disinfectant, helping anyone he can in many ways, easing the strain of this pandemic . He is but one of a number people who in no small way are contributing to the health and welfare of the community with selfless service. A tip of the cap to Pierre!

Porter Hospital Needs Masks

As we've noted before Porter is in need of hand-sewn masks. If you're not very handy with a needle or thread, but want to contribute, you can drop off clean cotton fabric (t-shirts, sheets, etc) at Round Robin in the Marble Works. They'll provide the fabric to those who can sew the masks. These can be dropped off Monday- Friday during the day, leave them in the basket by the door and knock on the door. The staff will collect them. Also, if you have elastic of the type used in clothing, you can donate that as well. Any size will do, even the wide ones (1"-2"). They can be cut and trimmed to size. Use the following link to the Porter site for mask information: portermedical.org/covid-19-response.fund

Clarification Sought on Governor's Orders

There has been some confusion and conflicting information from state agencies on how to ensure compliance with the Governor's orders on business closings. Police Chiefs in the state will receive a briefing tomorrow, April 9, from the Attorney General to clarify any issues or conflicts.

Sluggish Cellular Service

We are hearing reports of sluggish cellular service. The tower on Chipman Hill and all the equipment is intact and in place and hasn't been worked on recently. In the March 26 bulletin, we reported that some areas in the country are experiencing the same thing. With schools closed, many workers furloughed, and people under stay-at-home orders, we suspect the systems are being overloaded as has occurred elsewhere. If you have a concern over quality of service, you should call your service provider. Currently AT&T and Verizon are on the Chipman Hill tower, and other secondary services may have contracts to use their networks.