

Hello,

As there has been a decrease in Covid19 hospitalizations in Connecticut, the State is considering some changes in Covid19 regulations in May. Until then, residents are required to wear masks in public and use social distancing measures which have been the key to improving conditions.

I would like to thank again our first responders who have continued to be on duty 24/7 despite the increased burdens of this pandemic. The department is currently well supplied for personal protective equipment, which continues to have supply shortages throughout the country. Our thanks also go out to Cornwall's healthcare workers who staff area hospitals and nursing homes.

Large and small donations have continued to flow to the Food & Fuel Fund (Box 97, Cornwall, CT 06753). Currently, over \$66,900 has been donated by 139 individuals and organizations, notably: The Cornwall Foundation, Salisbury Rotary Club, and Trinity Church. Increasing resources help us meet a growing need for social services.

## Heather Dinneen's (Social Service Office) wish list for the week is:

- 1) Tissues
- 2) Toilet Paper
- 3) Laundry Detergent
- 4) Dish Soap
- 5) Cake Mix
- 6) Bottles of Juice (Apple and Cranberry are frequently asked for flavors)
- 7) Ritz Crackers
- 8) Pudding Cups
- 9) Pasta Sauce

Items for the food bank can be dropped off at the rear of the UCC building on Bolton Hill Road in Cornwall Village. And thanks go out to Becky, Francis, and Cay for helping with deliveries.

If you know of someone who is struggling please email Heather at <a href="mailto:cornwallsocialservices@gmail.com">cornwallsocialservices@gmail.com</a>. We also use the Food & Fund to help people with other very necessary expenditures including medical expenses and utility bills.

Accurate information is one of the essentials in fighting Covid19. From the always informative Cornwall Chronicle publishers:

During this time of social distancing on account of the pandemic, the *Chronicle* is posting on the Chronicle website (cornwallchronicle.org) as "Web Exclusives" important updates, information about online events, and timely personal reflections on the moment. Readers can also find these on our Facebook and Instagram feeds. The paper edition will still be out at the beginning of the month offering different stories. On the "far side" of the pandemic the *Chronicle* intends to put out a special edition about "Cornwall in the time of Covid-19"; please be in touch at <a href="mailto:info@cornwallchronicle.org">info@cornwallchronicle.org</a> with ideas and topics you would like to see covered.

Paul De Angelis, Cornwall Chronicle

Again, thanks to the Cornwall Citizens for their effective efforts large and small to protect and help each other through this time. Our unity of purpose and compassion shows our Town as its best. Take care, and stay in touch.

Sincerely,

Gordon Ridgway First Selectman Town of Cornwall