The Coronavirus continues to spread to our surrounding areas. The number of cases are updated daily on ct.gov and serve as an indicator of how many confirmed cases are in CT and each Town. Currently, Preston has no confirmed cases. Also, there are a variety of links and resources posted on our Town Website and Town Facebook page that we hope are helpful in providing you with information during this health crisis. Please check these resources frequently. If you have any questions on Town operations or services, any concerns, or need assistance, please call the Town Hall and the respective department at 860-887-5581. In addition, 211 is our CT State information line which stands ready to help with questions or needs as well.

This week we needed to adjust some services offered in our Town. A recap is as follows:

**Transfer Station** – no bulky waste accepted until further notice.

**Playgrounds, Park equipment and Picnic Area**– closed until further notice.

**Open space at the Park** will remain open so long as 6 feet social distancing and other precautionary measures are being followed as directed by the CDC, Uncas Health District and our Governor’s Executive Orders. There has been a reduction to social and recreational gatherings which are now limited to no more than 5 people. Being outdoors and getting fresh air is important but it is imperative to “Stay Safe, Stay Home” to limit exposure and risk.

I want to thank everyone for their continued patience as we work through this crisis and adjust how we conduct business. Future updates and changes will be communicated both on our Town Website and Town Facebook page as well as the Emergency alert system when essential. Please sign up for these alerts if you have not already done so.

I want to echo what I have said before that we are all in this together and it is our goal to have the least disruption in serving our community while protecting the health and well-being of all.

To help bring our community together in a time when we can’t physically be in a group, we launched a **“Ring Your Bell”** nightly event in conjunction with other Towns from 8:00 pm to 8:02 pm. Please consider participating in this and post your picture or video on Preston Parks and Recreation’s Facebook page.

Feel free to reach out, we are here to help, 860-887-5581.

Sincerely,

Sandra Allyn-Gauthier
First Selectwoman