Hello,

The Cornwall Coronavirus Work Group met this morning using remote meeting technology. Social Services Director Heather Dinneen gave an update on Cornwall’s efforts to deliver food to those in need. Yesterday, a new group of volunteers were sworn-in as part of our Citizens Emergency Response Team, and Heather is currently working to acquire food for delivery on Monday, March 30th. Currently, Cornwall Social Services is in need of household paper-goods, including napkins. Also, the Town is looking to find snacks, pasta sauce, mayonnaise, and cereals. If anyone has any of these items that they would like to donate to the Cornwall food pantry, please drop-off donations at the back door of the UCC Church on Bolton Hill in Cornwall Village. Finally, residents looking to order food online for delivery might consider checking out www.boxed.com.

Next, although the Selectmen’s office encourages people to get out and enjoy the sunny weather, we want to remind residents and visitors to stay vigilant and maintain 6 feet of separation. (2 arm-lengths, 2 meters, or 3 cubits) In addition, individuals are advised to take care when passing others on the many hiking trails in the area. (See Historic Photo of proper Social Distancing below, by Kate Freygang)

In an effort to bring people together online, the Selectmen’s Office wants to inform everyone about The Cornwall Arts and Remote Entertainment Space. It’s a new initiative, spearheaded by First Selectman Gordon Ridgway to "harness our creative talents and help keep spirits up".

Photos, artwork (created or admired), poetry or stories to move and boost spirits are welcomed! Offerings will be curated by Cornwall’s own - David Colbert, and viewable on the Cornwall Website at: http://www.cornwallct.org/index.php?id=cornwall-arts

Please send what you would like to share on the website to David at davidcolbert7@gmail.com. David Colbert wrote: “I hope this in some measure can help us feel connected and rooted in our special community and place.”
Historic Photo by Kate Freygang, taken March 26, 2020 – Cornwall Village, Pine Street

Sincerely,

Gordon Ridgway
First Selectman,
Town of Cornwall, CT
&
Jonathan Berry
Administrative Assistant
Town of Cornwall, CT

CC: Selectman Priscilla Pavel and Selectwoman Marina Kotchoubey