

VIC report – 9/23/20

Visitors

Weather

The past week was mostly cool and very windy with high temperatures flirting with 60 degrees on Friday – Monday. Windy weather cancelled several Whale Watch Tours and boat rides.

Visitors

The weather also affected the number of visitors to the Center. Friday, was the weekday low with about 32 people, while Saturday topped the week with about 91 people. Visitors requesting information ranged from about 10-15% on weekdays to 20-25% on weekends.

We asked one visitor for his name, phone number and favorite Beatle. He replied, “Volkswagen.” That answer bugged us all day.

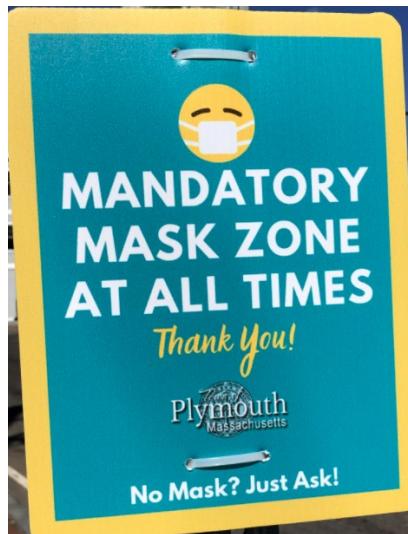
Masks

Plymouth's new signboard at the southern entrance to Water Street electronically displays three different screens for a new mask notice: “Per Board of Health – For everyone's safety, masks are required - \$50 fine for non-compliance.” One problem with the sign: when driving by it, there is not enough time to read all three panels of the signboard.

Bob Nolet attached new verbiage to the Plymouth Recovery Taskforce signboard outside the VIC: “Masks are Mandatory in Public”.

Plymouth also has new Mandatory Mask signs along Water Street and Court St./Main Street. We have given out masks to needy visitors.

If there is only one DCR ranger on duty by the Rock, is he the Lone Ranger? Will he wear one mask or two?



Out of State Visitors

We continue to welcome visitors from other states. Most are from Massachusetts designated low risk/white states like New York, New Hampshire, and Connecticut. But we have our share of visitors from the high risk/red states: Rhode Island, Utah, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Nebraska, Louisiana, Ohio, Minnesota and Arizona. We even had a couple from Mexico.

We don't ask, but a few say they brought their negative Covid-19 test results or are working within the health care system.

Did You Know

Reader's Digest posted a Pilgrim Tidbit. We all know that the Pilgrims didn't refer to themselves as Pilgrims because that term didn't come into vogue until the early 19th Century. But did you know that the Mayflower passengers referred to themselves as the Planters to distinguish themselves from the Adventurers, who financed the settlement.

Pop-Up Artisan Festival at Nelson

Many people braved the cool, windy Saturday to attend the Pop-Up Artisan Festival at Nelson Park. About 20 vendors displayed a variety of crafts and merchandise.

53rd Annual Juried Art Show

A Plymouth gem, the Annual Juried Art Show opened with a few restrictions: limited number of visitors, and no people's choice award. The exhibit can be viewed Wednesday – Saturday, 10:00 – 4:00 through September 25th.

Mayflower Stamp

The Mayflower Stamp ceremonies rocked the town on Wednesday. Philatelists (I spelled it correctly on the first try) took advantage of the cachets and stamp cancellation opportunities.

Lizzie Borden House

The recently renovated Lizzie Borden House in Fall River, MA is up for sale again. Fully furnished. Asking price: \$890,000

Vacation

A woman from Braintree summed up why a lot of regional people travel to Plymouth, "I like coming here. It feels like we are on vacation."