Well, they are out there and at it again...There was a note from National Grid indicating that their customers are being contacted by telephone by individuals who claim to be from National Grid and demand payment on their utility bill. When folks actually answer the telephone, phone creeps demand payment to replace your old meter with new smart meters. They’re threatening to cut services if payment isn’t immediately forthcoming via telephone. They probably want your credit card, bank numbers and your guess at the winning lottery numbers too. Hey, what a great time to be a phone scammer right? Everybody is home and maybe answering their telephone….So here’s a link they’ve provided for more information on utility scams;

[**https://www.nationalgridus.com/Our-Company/Scam-Alert**](https://www.nationalgridus.com/Our-Company/Scam-Alert)

Here’s another interesting connection regarding finances and the protection thereof…The United States Consumer Finance Protection Bureau website has up-to-date information and resources to help people protect and manage their finances during this pandemic. Lots of stuff here. Check it out;

<https://www.consumerfinance.gov/coronavirus/>

When the North Adams Regional Hospital closed a few years ago, BMC contracted with County Ambulance to provide transportation to the campus at Berkshire Medical Center to residents of North County, any town. The good news here is that they are still offering this transport option and you can access this by calling them at 413.499.2527