



TOWN OF SOUTH THOMASTON

MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER

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AMBULANCE DIRECTOR

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Amy Dyer. I have been contracted through St. George Association for South Thomaston Ambulance as the new Ambulance Director. I am a Paramedic from Waldo County and I work for Belfast Ambulance full time, I am also the EMS Director for St. George Ambulance.

The goal in 2018 is to have two EMT's on Monday through Friday 6 am to 6 pm and to cover with the highest licensed level. Our volunteer EMS would take call out nights and weekends with shift pay. Primary mutual aid agreement is with St. George to assist when needed and secondary mutual aid will be Rockland and Thomaston.

We have received the new defibrillator/monitor that is in service as of February 2018 called Zoll X Series Manual Monitor/Defibrillator. This monitor is the top of the line. It comes with Real CPR Help, pacing technology and much more.

Community Paramedicine is now available to all South Thomaston residents and information is available at the Town Office. This service is when EMS coordinates with PCP or ER doctors to come into the home for after care and follow up.

Special Thank You:

The service would like to extend a special thank you to Patricia Dougherty, Director and Richard Norman, Assistant Director for all their help and support over the years. They have been the heart of South Thomaston Ambulance. They have both stepped down in their roles this year, but they will still be serving the town as EMS and respond for patient care and we are very thankful for that.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Thanks to the generosity of long time resident Randall Hopkins two scholarships will be available this year for students furthering their education. Mr. Hopkins set up two trusts for this purpose. The Ralph E. and Ella K. Rackliff Memorial Fund and the Randall R. and Arlene M. Hopkins Memorial Fund III. The purpose of the trusts is to provide scholarships for furthering the education of deserving students residing in the Town of South Thomaston.

Applications are available at Oceanside High School or at the Town Office. The deadline for Ms. Snow, Registrar of Student Services, to receive the application is April 15th. For more information call Ms. Snow at 596-2013 or The Town Office at 596-6584.

HAPPY SPRING!

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DO YOU QUALIFY FOR TAX RELIEF?

Homestead Exemption: This year the exemption is \$20,000.00. You must be a legal resident for a year and have owned homestead property for at least 12 months as of April 1st.

Veterans Exemptions: Veterans who are 62 or older, who served actively during a war time period, or widows of veterans could receive an exemption of \$6,000.00. Homestead & Veteran applications must be on file by April 1st of the current tax year in order to receive the exemption.

2018 ELECTIONS

The 2018 State Primary Election and the RSU 13 Budget Validation Referendum will take place on June 12, 2018.

The 2018 Maine Gubernatorial Election will take place on November 6, 2018.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE JUNE 12TH AND NOVEMBER 6TH

The Town has an opening on the Planning Board and on the RSU #13 Board. We are also looking for someone to serve as Health Officer.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact the Town Office at 596-6584.

2018 Maine Moose Permit Lottery

The online application process is fast and simple. You will receive instant confirmation you have successfully entered the lottery. To apply, visit mefishwildlife.com.

The deadline for online applications is 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15.

The moose permit drawing will take place on Sunday, June 10 at the Skowhegan Moose Festival.

TOWN OFFICE 2018 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

2018 Holidays	Date Observed
New Year's Day	January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 15
President's Day	February 19
Patriots Day	April 16
Memorial Day	May 28
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	September 3
Columbus Day	October 8
Veterans Day	November 12
Thanksgiving Day	November 22
Christmas Day	December 25

OPERATIONAL HOURS

Town Office

Mon, Wed, Thurs 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
 Tuesday 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM
 Friday Closed
 Phone 596-6584

Demolition Debris Facility

Wed & Sat 9:00 AM - 4:00
 A sticker is required for residents. Vouchers are available at the Town Office.

Library

Monday 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Wednesday 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM
 Saturday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
 Story Hour, Monday 10:00 AM
 Phone 596-0022

Transfer Station

Tues - Thurs & Sat
 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Phone 594-0748



ADDRESS CHANGE

Often the Town Office is overlooked when it comes to address changes. Please notify us if your mailing address changes.

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WHAT TO BRING WHEN REGISTERING A MOTOR VEHICLE

RE-REGISTRATION: Previous registration, current insurance card & mileage.

NEW REGISTRATION (Dealer Sale): Documentation (Proof) sales tax paid, blue title application form, current insurance card and mileage. It is **MANDATORY** to have the monroney label or window sticker if it is a brand new vehicle.

NEW REGISTRATION (Private Sale): Bill of sale, insurance card and titles on vehicles 1995 or newer. Excise tax will be paid at the Town Office. Sales tax, title application fee and registration fee will be collected at Motor Vehicle in Rockland.

NEW REGISTRATION (Transfer): Same as new registration plus registration of the vehicle the plates are being transferred from.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

For the home or property owners that live on narrow secluded roads we are asking for you to trim your tree limbs up to 15 feet and 15 feet back. By not doing this it may delay ALL emergency vehicles from gaining access to your property in an emergency. If you have any questions please contact Chief Calderwood at 596-6674.

Check your smoke and CO Detectors. If they are 10 years old or older it is recommended they be replaced. Also change the batteries.

If your CO Detector goes off call the Fire Department. Do not call your heating company first and wait for them to arrive which could be hours after they are called. They don't have the equipment to detect if there is any CO in your residence. CO is an odorless gas that can and will harm you. Play it safe and dial 9-1-1.

Remember, it is State Law to have a burn permit while burning any and all brush.

ANNUAL ROADSIDE CLEANUP

MAY 5TH

8:00 am to 3:00 pm

**RAIN DATE
MAY 12th.**

For more information contact Pennie Alley at 594-7416.



EMAIL LIST

Would you like to be on the Town's email list? You will receive minutes and newsletters by email. Call the Town Office at 596-6584 or email sthomstn@midcoast.com and request your email address be added to the list. We can also use your email address to notify you of over due vehicle registrations.

SOUTH THOMASTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 27TH AT 7:00 PM.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Property Taxes Due Oct 1st
Snowmobile Registrations expire June 30
Dog Licenses Due by December 31
Boat Registrations expire December 31
ATV Registrations expire June 30

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Budget Committee, Moira Paddock, Jeff Northgraves, Gayle Gallant, Donna Withington, A Bosica and Alan Hall, for their time and commitment to the budget process.

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SPAY/NEUTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Pope Memorial Humane Society has a spay/neuter program that provides vouchers of up to \$100 towards the spay/neuter fee.

The voucher is accepted at veterinarians throughout Knox and Waldo Counties and the Community Spay & Neuter Clinic.

These vouchers are available to South Thomaston Residents. For more information about financial assistance contact Pope Memorial Humane Society at 594-2200

TOWN MEETING

The South Thomaston Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at the Gilford Butler School at 7:00 pm.

You must be a registered voter in South Thomaston to vote on the articles on the warrant.

SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS

The Selectmen meet at the municipal building at 6:00 p.m., usually on the second Tuesday of each month.

TOWN OF SOUTH THOMASTON DIRECTORY

Selectboard

Jan Gaudio, Chair	Home: 594-0025
Walter Reitz	Home: 594-2275
Cheryl Waterman	Home: 594-7695

RSU # 13 Board of Directors Representative

Vacancy

RSU # 13 Superintendent

John MacDonald 596-6620

Town Administrator, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Registrar & General Assistance Admin.

Terri-Lynn Baines 596-6584

Deputy Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector, and Registrar

Phil Verrill 596-6584

Deputy Assistant

Michelle Ames 596-6584

Animal Control Officer (ACO)

William Demmons 593-9132

Call Knox Communications ACO issues

Fire Department: Emergency Dial 911

Bryan Calderwood, Fire Chief 596-6674

David Elwell, Deputy Chief 542-4797

Gerald Harjula, Assistant Chief 354-8026

All 3 are Fire Wardens and can issue burning permits

Ambulance Service: Emergency Dial 911

Amy Dyer, Director 594-9305

David Ellwell, Assistant Director 594-9305

Emergency Management Director

Betty Thomas Home: 594-7873

Library Director

Pennie Alley 596-0022

E-911 Coordinator

Arthur Grierson Home: 594-8873

Cemetery Overseer

Pennie Alley

Road Commissioner

Gerald Grierson Home: 594-5493

Budget Committee

Moira Paddock, Chair, Gayle Gallant, Alvera Bosica, Jeff Northgraves, Alan Hall, Donna Withington

Planning Board

Eileen Skarka, Ervin Curtis, Jeff Northgraves, Sonja Sleeper

Board of Appeals

John Hansen, Barbara Noyes, Rolf Winters, Richard Rackliff and Dianne Darling

Knox County Budget Committee

Vacancy Home: 594-7873

Code Enforcement Officer

John Snow Cell: 390-0054

Plumbing Inspector

Terry Brackett Cell: 701-9910

Assessor's Agent

RJD — Kevin McCormick 596-6584

Solid Waste Committee

Jan Gaudio Home: 594-0025

Gordon "Skip" Connell Home: 594-1801

Georges River Shellfish Warden

Deputy Justin Hills

Knox County Sheriff (non-emergency) 593-9132

Maine State Police (non-emergency) 1-800-452-4664