

TOWN OF STOCKTON SPRINGS
NEWSLETTER
December 2017



Happy December! Winter is officially upon us, as evidence by the snow and ice outside my window. **We will be closed December 25, 26, and January 1st.**

-Don't forget to **license your dog for 2018!** Late fees will apply in February if you don't!

-The **"Giving Tree"** (pictured left) is available for people to leave unwrapped gifts under for those in need to pick up. "If you have some, leave some. If you need some, take some." It will be available until December 21st (last day we are open before Christmas).

-The remaining docks and pump out barge will be coming out Friday, December 15. Shout out to the Harbor Committee and all other volunteers for making it happen!

-The Town is **currently seeking a Harbormaster.** If you are interested in applying, check the website under Public Notice for the notice, job description, and application. Applications are due January 16 by 5pm.

-Amber, the Assessor, has sent out letters to taxpayers who may qualify for a **homestead exemption.** Last year, homeowners who qualified for the exemption saved \$410 on their tax bill. In addition to the Homestead Exemption there are additional exemptions, such as for Veterans or the Blind. If interested in additional information, call 567-3550 or email assessment@stocktonsprings.org.

-The Select Board will be interview two candidates for the Planning Board on December 21st. Yay!

-Retail Marijuana Update: Things are up in the air at the State level, again (LD 1640 failed). I have recommended to the Board that we continue to monitor things at the State level and hold off on enacting a moratorium until we have better information. I expect we will come back to this issue in January or February, but I will keep you posted. (Note: a moratorium is a temporary ordinance that would essentially put a hold on allowing retail marijuana so the Town has time to properly address the issue via ordinance. If you have questions, let me know!)

-I am sure that you are interested in the **survey results.** The public hearing held last month yielded 2 in favor and 6 against. On Election Day, we received three (3) blank or incomplete, 50 against, and 48 in favor of regulating retail marijuana in one way or another. We have had a box sitting in the lobby since Election Day until recently and the majority has been in favor.

-Members of the **Fire Department** have approached the Select Board about fundraising for a new fire house. If anyone is interested in helping out, contact myself or Corey Fields at 505-0205. All donations will be handled by the Town.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT- "SECRET SANTAS"

I want to extend a HUGE thank you to everyone who has generously provided items for our "Giving Tree." I am amazed at the amount of folks who have come in, sometimes repeatedly, with gifts to donate. It's wonderful to witness. I'm sure the children receiving those presents will be ecstatic to receive them! Thank you all!

-Courtney, TM