

TOWN OF STOCKTON SPRINGS NEWSLETTER

August 2018

- Happy Summer! I hope you are enjoying the warm summer days! Make sure you (and your animals) stay hydrated and safe from the sun! We will be closed Monday, September 3rd in observance of Labor Day.

- One thing I'd rather not discuss in my newsletter is poo. But alas, I must. **Sandy Point Beach Park** is a beautiful area that is seeing more and more visitors as word spreads. It is one of few places in the area that allow dogs. We would like to keep it that way. However, there are a few spoil sports out there who are not picking up after their dogs and/or are not keeping them under control (so they don't accidentally terrify a child). If these issues continue, we will have no choice but to take action steps, in coordination with the State, to address the issue. PLEASE help pass the word. A little self-policing goes a long way. Thank you!

NOTEABLE DATES

- Select Board Meetings: August 16 @ 9am, September 6 @ 9am & 6pm
- Saturday, September 15- *Run For Your Life* Road Race
- Amber, Town Assessor, will be on vacation August 21-24th

- Still haven't paid your **2017 taxes**? A lien will be put on your property on August 9th and recorded with the Registry of Deeds. If you have paid them, I sincerely say thank you as the Tax Collector and the Town Manager! Questions? Call us!

- Speaking of taxes. **Tax bills** will be sent the end of this month/beginning of next month. The first half is due Tuesday, October 23, 2018 and the second half is due Tuesday, April 23, 2019. Only ONE bill is sent! The bill will have two stubs, one for each payment. If you need a copy or the amount due, you can always get that from the Clerks (but not until after they are sent).

- **Quick Info Tip:** Tax bills are sent to the owner of record as of April 1st per State Statute. If something changed and you know you won't receive the one mailed, please call the Town Office and request a copy. Also, please keep in mind that tax bills are also based on the assessment as of April 1st again per State Statute. So, if for example, you had a garage and tore it down this July, your tax bill will still reflect taxes on it because as of April 1st, it was standing. However, the next years bill would reflect the change.

- **Official call for volunteers!** In particular, there are openings on the Shellfish Conservation Committee and Zoning Board of Appeals. I promise it's not a huge time commitment and it always feels good to do your civic duty! I would be happy to answer any questions you might have!

- Paving bid was awarded by the Select Board and will be completed by October 16th, at the latest!

- **Stockton Springs Ambulance will hold its annual *Run for Your Life* 5 & 12 K, & 5 K Public Safety Challenge** on Saturday, September 15, 2018. All races start at 9am. Registration forms are available at www.sub5.com and at the Town Office. Even if you have no desire to run, consider participating by walking! All proceeds benefit the Ambulance department directly. FMI, jpskala@gmail.com.



Volunteer Recognition: Charlie Smith

Charlie volunteers his time on the Cemetery Committee and Recycling Committee. Most recently, he took it upon himself to power wash the stone bench at Veteran's Park (picture). Thank you, Charlie, for your dedication and service to Stockton!

-Courtney, TM