

Holiday Time of the Year-

December means many things to many people. To me, it has always meant the start of BUDGETS. To some, it is never too early to start Christmas shopping. To me it is never too early to start planning for the next fiscal year's expenditures!

Holiday times also mean trees, decorations, wood stoves and fireplaces. It is never a good time to have a house fire, but during the freezing winter months, house fires are at their worst. Please be aware of what you are plugging in, what you are burning, how often you should be watering the live tree, how long lights and decorations stay on, and snow loads that cover chimney and vent pipes. Please check your smoke detector batteries, your carbon monoxide detector batteries. Remember that the fire hydrants located around town are not used for fire protection. Try to keep at least two clear ways in and out of your house. Talk about your fire evacuation plan with the family, and don't forget the family pets.

"Wreaths Across America" will be coming through Stockton on Sunday December 7th sometime between 11:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. If you have a few moments, it would be great to represent the community and cheer them on along their Route 1 path.

The Community Christmas Event is also happening on that same Sunday (7th) from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Town Office- lower level. Check for the flyer "link" on the town's website.

Ongoing: Dog license renewals are due by 12/31. Register your dogs now to avoid late fees

2015 hunting and fishing licenses are available now for purchase

Property owners with **outstanding 2012 taxes** will be receiving 30 day notices of foreclosure
Revaluation visits will be around Maps R1 and R2 this month. For specific roads, check the announcement section of the website.

The **Giving Tree** will be accepting donations any time this month. Thank you to the Scouts for their help in setting the tree up. THANK YOU to all that donate. Your gifts are appreciated.

Reminders for the Month:

- Friday December 5th - 8:00 a.m. Docks are coming out at the Harbor. Bad weather day is Saturday December 6th
- Wednesday December 10th - RSU Withdrawal Committee - 6:30 p.m. in the Select Board's meeting room. The Committee Chair feels that they are done with the process and this is their final meeting. If you are interested in the Committee's conclusions, then plan on attending this meeting.
- Wednesday December 10th - Rabies Clinic- Lower level of the Town Office. 6 to 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday December 24th - Town Office closing at 2:30 p.m.
- Thursday December 25th - Town Office Closed
- Friday December 26th - Trash & Recycling collected curbside
- Saturday December 27th - Universal Waste Collection at the Public Works Garage
- Wednesday December 31st - Town Office closing at 2:30 p.m.
- Thursday January 1st - Town Office closed
- Friday January 2nd - Trash collection curbside

Happy Holidays and Happy budgeting!!

Marnie