
The Official Newsletter of the Town of Stockton Springs

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There has been a snowstorm or two since the last issue of the newsletter. With winter bringing with it a sense of hibernation, The Newsletter has taken a month off, but the warmer-than-usual sun seems to be waking us back up. That warmth, however, brings with it flooding. The pictures above and below of the Stockton Springs Public Works Department and Fire Department were taken after the storm of February 18.

That warm sun will also bring the tapping of maple trees for sap, some potholes, and finally spring. We'll get there, for sure.



Stockton Harbor and the Scouting Community

There have been some changes at Stockton Harbor, and many of those changes are thanks to Stockton's scouting community.



The tree in the picture above was planted by Isabel and Abby, two young members of our community. They did this in their role as Girl Scouts, Troop 2908. Not only did they plant the tree, but they planned the entire project and appeared before the Select Board back in August of last year requesting permission, and also obtained permission from the Harbor Committee. These two young people were thoughtful, considerate of others, and were well-spoken. They have done a tremendous job with this project, and they are a credit to our community.

In the next few months, we hope to have a picture of the two generous girls, standing next to the newest tree at Stockton Harbor.



Another addition at Stockton Harbor is thanks to our local Boy Scouts, Troop 235.

Pictured above is a ramp and stair set to help with access to the beach at Stockton Harbor. This is the result of Ellis Braga's Eagle Scout project. Ellis did all the planning, including appearing before both the Select Board and presenting the idea to the Harbor Committee for permission.

Pictured above with Ellis are members of his Boy Scout Troop, as well as others in the community who helped with the project:

Clockwise, from left: Robert Walker, Emma Brezovsky, Thomas Bradley, Kyle Braga, Ellis Braga, and Adeline Braga. Also helping on the day the project was built but not pictured are Isaias Therio, Ryan Ordelt, and Betsy Bradley.

Since the time this picture was taken, Ellis just had his Eagle Board of Review and has officially earned the rank of Eagle Scout on January 3rd, 2022. He was accepted at both the Maine Maritime Academy and University of Maine Orono, and will be attending MMA after high school graduation

AARP TAX ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) is offering a free tax-assistance program on Saturdays from February through April 9. The hours are 8:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. There will be three IRS-certified volunteer tax preparers able to service three families per hour. Masks are required, and social distancing will be observed.

For more information, or to set up an appointment, please contact Joel at 491-9441.

BINGO

Come join the Stockton Springs Community Builders for their monthly BINGO games. The next session is Monday, March 8, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., on the basement floor of the Stockton Springs Town Office. This is free and open to the public. There are “prizes!”

Tai Chi News

Tai Chi is currently offered virtually via Zoom twice a week during the fall and winter, on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. To sign up for classes, please call the Stockton Springs Community Library at 567-4147.

During the summer, Tai Chi was offered in-person at Stockton Harbor. That program was quite successful, and hopefully Tai Chi will return to the harbor when winter is over.

Keep The Heat On Fund

Donations are always welcome for Stockton's "Keep The Heat On" Fund, which allows for heating assistance to low-income individuals. Checks should be made out to the Town of Stockton Springs, with a notation that the check is a donation for the "Keep The Heat On" Fund.

HELP WANTED

Jobs are still available with the Stockton Springs Ambulance Service. We need Drivers, EMTs and Paramedics. Training is provided. All members of the ambulance crew receive \$5/hour on-call pay, and then regular pay for the calls to which they respond. This is a great opportunity to serve the Town and further your own career. For more information, contact ambulance@stocktonsprings.org, or 567-4322.

More Help Wanted!

Although all Town committees and boards need volunteers, the Board of Assessment Review is in the greatest need of all. This board meets only as needed and has not met for a few years. When they do meet, there is staff available to assist in their duties. Please consider a seat on the Board of Assessment Review. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact the Town Manager at manager@stocktonsprings.org, or 567-3404.

RECYCLING TIP

Did you know? Since it was installed twenty years ago, the waste oil furnace at the Town Garage has provided all the heat for the garage. This eliminated the costly expense of heating oil needed by a regular oil furnace prior to that time. Much of the waste oil used to heat the garage comes from donations by local residents. The Town is grateful for such donations and encourages folks to continue the practice – it is appreciated! Waste oil can be dropped off at the Town Garage Monday through Friday between 6 a.m. and 2 p.m. It is also accepted during E-Waste days held at the garage from 9 a.m. until noon on the last Saturday of each month.

General Information:

The Stockton Springs Town Office is open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please visit our website at www.stocktonsprings.org. Our phone number is 567-3404. Our fax number is 567-3710.

Trash is picked up every Friday. All trash should be curbside by 7:00 a.m.

Recycling is the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Please have recycling curbside by 7:00 a.m.

E-waste is the last Saturday of each month,

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AND INFORMATION

The Town Office will be closed on Monday April 18, in observance of Patriots Day.

There are two seats up for election this year: Select Board Member (three-year term), and Fire Chief (one-year term). Nomination papers are available on March 3, and are due back by the close of business on May 5, 2022.

Election Day will be Tuesday, 14, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the basement floor of the Stockton Springs Town Office.

Town Meeting will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 18.

The second half of real estate taxes are due April 19.

Thank you for taking the time to read the Official Newsletter of the Town of Stockton Springs, Maine! If you know anyone who would like to subscribe to the newsletter, just have them send an email to manager@stocktonsprings.org.

