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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER  
OF THE  
TOWN OF STOCKTON SPRINGS

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It would seem that Mother Nature has created a new Christmas tradition – a vicious wind storm and a lack of power just when the lights are at their brightest.

The true spirit of the holiday was shown by all the Town crews and by numerous individual citizens.

Here is to hoping that 2024 comes in much calmer than 2023 going out.







# **AARP TAX ASSISTANCE**

Free tax assistance is available this spring at the Stockton Town Office through IRS-certified volunteers from the American Association of Retired Person (AARP). Those volunteers will assist in the filing of federal and state income taxes every Saturday between February 3 and April 6. All appointments will all be held in the basement of the Town Office except for February 10 and March 30, when the appointments will be held upstairs.

Appointments are required and may be arranged through Joel Lee at (207) 491-9441. The same phone number can be used for further information.

# **STORY HOUR, SNOWMAN STYLE**

The Stockton Springs Community Library is hosting a snowman-themed Story Hour for children of all ages on Saturday, January 6 from 10 to 11 a.m. There will be snacks and a craft activity in addition to the stories.

For more information, visit the SSCL website at [stocktonspringslibrary.org](http://stocktonspringslibrary.org).

# BINGO!

Bingo is hosted by the Stockton Springs Community Builders on the second Tuesday of each month from 5:30 to 7 p.m., on the basement level of the Stockton Springs Town Office. Informal “prizes” are awarded.

[Open To All Ages!](#)

## MAKE & TAKE LEGO CLUB AT SSCL

The Stockton Springs Community Library is hosting a monthly FREE MAKE-AND-TAKE LEGO CLUB on the first Wednesday of each month between 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. The focus age group is children 4-10 years old, but all ages are welcome. No registration is necessary.

Come build a LEGO creation and then take it home to keep and enjoy with your family and friends.

The club takes place on the first Wednesday of each month through March:

January 3, 2024, February 7, March 6.

For more information, call 567-4247.



# TAI CHI!



Tai Chi is offered twice a week during the fall and winter, on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. During the warm-weather months Tai Chi is held at Stockton Harbor, and during the other months and on rain days Tai Chi is held at the Stockton Springs Town Office, Basement Level. To sign up for classes, please call the Stockton Springs Community Library at 567-4147.

**Tai Chi is open to all ages!**

# *Knitting and Crafters Group*

*Come and join the Knitting and  
Crafters Group*

*for*

*knitting, crafting and  
conversation*

*at the*

*Stockton Springs*

*Community Library.*

*This is a “Drop-In” group and we  
will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. on the following  
Wednesdays:*

*January 17 and January 31, 2024*

# Trash Talk

Just a reminder from Pinkerton's that batteries, gas and oil should not be placed in the weekly trash. Instead, batteries are accepted at the Public Works building during e-waste day (the last Saturday of each month from 9-12), and gas and oil can be taken to the Public Works building Mondays through Fridays 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Also, any paint cans placed in the trash should be empty.

## Recycling Tip of the Month

**Sponsored by the Stockton Springs Recycling and Energy Conservation Committee**

**Old Batteries:** Don't throw your old batteries out in the trash – drop them off at the Town Garage on ewaste days, which are the last Saturday of each month, from 9-12. This includes all A series batteries, 6 and 9 volt batteries, tool batteries, phone and computer batteries, as well as vehicle batteries.



# ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS

The Stockton Town Office is a drop-off location for a donation drive being held to benefit local animal shelters. Any donations can be delivered to the town office, 217 Main Street, between 9 -5 Monday through Thursday.

Items Needed:

Lysol wipes and sprays

Sponges

Cat litter

Kitten chow

Dry and wet (pate) cat food

Dry and wet dog food

Dog and cat toys

Used towels and blankets (no pillows or sheets).

The Bucksport Animal Shelter can always use monetary donations or donations of food or other supplies. This non-profit shelter is used by the Town of Stockton Springs for our animal-control needs. Donations can be dropped off at the Stockton Town Office during regular business hours. The shelter can be reached directly at 307-8090, or [bucksportanimalshelter@gmail.com](mailto:bucksportanimalshelter@gmail.com).

# TRANSPORTATION

Waldo County Action Partners provides transportation services to residents of Waldo County through their MidCoast Public Transportation and MidCoast Connector Maine Care transportation programs. These services provide access for community members to medical services, work, shopping, social events and more. For more information, please visit their website at <https://waldocap.org/WCAP-programs/transportation-services/>

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## Keep The Heat On

Donations are always welcomed for the Keep The Heat On Fund, which is used to assist economically challenged Stockton residents with their heating bill during the winter. Donations can be mailed to or dropped off at the Town Office, 217 Main Street. Thank you in advance.

# NOTICES

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The Town Office will be closed on Monday, January 15, in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

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The second half of property taxes are due April 17, 2024.

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Dog licenses for 2024 are available and need to be done by December 31, 2023. There is a \$25 state-mandated fine after January 31, 2024.

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED TO HELP LESS FORTUNATE CHILDREN COULD HAVE A GOOD CHRISTMAS. YOUR GENEROSITY SHOWED THE TRUE GIVING SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAY.

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](http://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.

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