



The Official Newsletter of the Town of Stockton Springs

October 2021

Leaf-Peeping, Stockton Style

Prime leaf-peeping season is here, was here, and is on its way out. The State of Maine has a website dedicated to pointing out when and where to find the best viewing areas, yet a simple drive around Stockton offers beautiful views of autumn's last hurrah. This also gives a good chance to visit the various farm stands and local home-businesses our town has to offer.

As the finishing touches are being put on this newsletter, a Nor'easter is working its way up the coast and is already tickling our trees. Nature never fails to put on a show here in Stockton!

Stockton's New Ambulance Director

Welcome to Amy Drinkwater, our new Ambulance Director. Amy has hit the ground running and is facing the challenges she faces with gusto. Many thanks go out to Ken Folette, our outgoing director, for the endless time and enthusiasm he dedicated to the Town of Stockton Springs in that position. Fair winds and following seas, Ken.

Stockton's Newest Volunteer

Welcome to Felicia Files, the newest member of the Stockton Springs Recycling and Energy Conservation Committee. Felicia will complete the term of Wayne Kraeger. Many thanks go to Mr. Kraeger for his commitment to that committee and to the Town of Stockton Springs.

HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES

The Stockton Springs Community Builders is hosting their annual Spooktacular Event at 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 31, Halloween! This event is open to the family and takes place at the Stockton Springs Town Office.

The Stockton Springs Community Library will be hosting their annual Halloween Celebration on Saturday, October 30, from 10-11:30, with activities being held on library grounds, and trunk-or-treating in the Town Office parking lot.

TAI CHI A SUCCESS!



According to resident Judy O’Neal, Tai Chi at Stockton Harbor has been a success this summer and fall! Over 20 people enjoyed the benefits of the exercise and comradery that this program fosters among residents of our town.

Tai Chi will continue to be offered for the winter via Zoom. Winter sessions begin Tuesday, October 26 and run on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11, and Fridays 9:30 to 11. Call the Stockton Springs Community Library to sign up, at 567-4147.

Recycling Tip of the Month

Brought to you by the good folks of the Stockton Springs Recycling and Energy Conservation Committee

Plastic takes hundreds of years to break down, leaves litter and toxic chemicals in the environment, causing problems for wildlife and people. Help cut this problem – use reusable water bottles and skip the bottled water.

ELECTION DAY!

Just a reminder that Election Day is Tuesday, November 2, from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on the bottom floor of the Stockton Springs Town Office. The remainder of the Town Office will be closed to all other business that day.



Veterans Park Community Clean-Up

There will be a Clean-Up Day at Veterans Memorial Park in the Town Square on Saturday, November 6, from 9 a.m. through noon, in preparation for Veterans Day. A second work day has been set for the following day, Sunday, November 7, from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m., or sooner if the work is complete. The Sunday workday will also serve as the rain date in case of bad weather on November 6. This activity is sponsored through the Stockton Springs Parks Committee and is open to the public. Please bring your own tools and gloves. Thank you in advance for your help.

Note:

The Stockton Springs Town Office will be closed on Thursday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day.

HELPING THOSE IN NEED

Donations are always welcome for Stockton's "Keep The Heat On" Program, 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.

Now is the time for families in need to apply to the Neighbor for Neighbor Holiday Assistance Program. This is a program run by Waldo County Action Partners which provides Thanksgiving and Christmas food as well as Christmas gifts to eligible Waldo County families. Deadlines are on the application, though anyone in need of this program is encouraged to apply early due to limited supplies. Their address is WCAP 9 FIELD ST, SUITE 201 P.O. BOX 130 BELFAST, ME 04915. Their phone number is 338-6809.

DOG LICENSES AVAILABLE

Dog licenses for 2022 are now available at the Stockton Springs Town Office. All dogs are required to be licensed by December 31, 2021.

Tickets are available at the Town Office for a 50/50 Raffle, with proceeds going to the Bucksport Animal Shelter, the place that takes care of the emergency needs of Stockton's stray animals.

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!

We are a government of the people, and the government needs the help of the people. Several committees and boards have vacancies:

Planning Board

Shellfish Conservation Committee

Parks Committee

Board of Assessment Review

Zoning Board of Appeals

If you are interested in serving the Town on one of these boards but you are worried about time commitments, a position on the Board of Assessment Review or Zoning Board of Appeals would be recommended. These two bodies meet only as needed, which is seldom.

The Parks Committee and the Shellfish Conservation Committee do not require as much time for meetings, though there is hands-on work to be done.

The Planning Board generally meets once a month, generally for an hour. This board requires the most meeting-time commitment.

If you have an interest in serving on any of these boards or committees, just contact the Town Manager at manager@stocktonsprings.org, or 567-3404.

Useful 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, from 9-12. Items can be brought to the Public Works Building on Cape Jellison Road.

Thank you for taking the time to read the Official Newsletter of the Town of Stockton Springs, Maine!

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