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MUNICIPAL MEETINGS

FOR HOLIDAY CHANGES AND ADDITIONAL MEETINGS, PLEASE SEE THE CALENDAR ON WWW.CITYOFBATH.COM

- CITY COUNCIL
1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAYS, 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
- PLANNING BOARD
1ST & 3RD TUESDAYS, 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
- COMMUNITY FORESTRY
1ST WEDNESDAYS, 7:00 PM
2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
2ND THURSDAYS, 4:00 PM
2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
- ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
1ST MONDAYS AS NEEDED, 7:00 PM
BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM



Oak Grove Avenue was part of the City's paving projects during the fall. In November voters approved a \$2.5 million road bond.

Smoothing out the rough spots

When is my road going to get paved? It's a frequent question posed by residents.

While Public Works Director Peter Owen can't definitively answer that question, he's hopeful the City will be able to remedy some road woes over the next five years.

Earlier this month, Bath voters approved a \$2.5 million road bond that will hopefully allow the City to address main roads and side streets with the ability to match funds for transportation grants.

A portion of bond funds are

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Redesigned website launched

Cityofbath.com, the City's website, was recently redesigned to provide users municipal and community information partnered with a clean, dynamic appearance and an easier navigation.

The City, in partnership with Evo Government Solutions, debuted the website in October.

Highlights of the redesigned website include Google locations for city facilities, comprehensive news and events and e-mail alerts. The website also includes integration of the City's social media efforts on Facebook and Twitter.

The City's website originally went live in 1998 and was previously redesigned in 2008.



COMMONLY CALLED NUMBERS

ANIMAL CONTROL	443-5563
ASSESSOR'S OFFICE	443-8336
BATH AREA FAMILY YMCA. .	443-4112
BATH COMMUNITY TV.....	443-8387
BATH WATER DISTRICT	443-2391
CEMETERIES	443-8345
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ..	725-8797
CITY CLERK	443-8332
CITY MANAGER	443-8330
CITY PLANNER	443-8363
CODES OFFICER	443-8334
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	443-8372
FINANCE	443-8338
FIRE DEPT.....	443-5034
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	443-8335
LANDFILL.....	443-8356
MAIN STREET BATH.....	442-7291
MAINTENANCE	443-8365
PARKS AND RECREATION ..	443-8360
PATTEN FREE LIBRARY	443-5141
POLICE	443-5563
PUBLIC WORKS.....	443-8357
SAGadahoc CNTY COURT	443-8200
TREASURER	443-8340
U.S. POST OFFICE.....	443-9778
W. BATH DISTRICT COURT.	442-0200

INFORMATION ABOUT MUNICIPAL HAPPENINGS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS AND ADVERTISED ON BATH COMMUNITY TELEVISION. YOU CAN ALSO FIND INFORMATION ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE (WWW.CITYOFBATH.COM).

City Frequently Asked Questions

I was born in Bath. Where can I get a birth certificate?

Birth certificates, along with all vital records, are handled by the City Clerk's Office.

How late is City Hall open today?

City Hall is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for state and federal holidays.

I need to register my car. How much is it going to cost?

The Treasurer's Office handles car registration. They can't give estimations for new vehicles, but an estimate may be possible for renewals.

What is the CityBus schedule?

The CityBus runs Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Full schedules are available online or at City Hall.

Keep the City safe this winter by clearing a hydrant

As winter approaches and snow begins to fall, please spend a few minutes with a shovel or your snow blower clearing out your neighborhood fire hydrant. Bath has more than 290 fire hydrants throughout the community, providing fire protection to homes and businesses. After a

snow event, the Bath Water District and the Bath Fire Department are faced with increased calls for service, which often delays hydrant clearing.

Clearing your neighborhood hydrant ensures that first responders can quickly access infrastructure

when a fire is in progress. Your help will make certain the hydrant nearest to you will be available if an emergency arises.

Clearing the hydrant is simple—make sure that all of the ports are cleared off and visible. Make sure to take precautions, stay out of traffic, and keep your level of exertion low. As the snow piles up and the season progresses, keeping the hard ice off the hydrants gets even more important.

If you have any questions, please contact Marc Meyers at 443-8330 or mmeyers@cityofbath.com

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Artificial turf field draws crowds at McMann Field

After a six-year fundraising campaign by Fields For Our Future, dreams of an artificial turf field at Edward J. McMann Athletic Complex were realized in August.

The draw of the artificial turf field has thus far lived up to expectations.

"The turf field is working great," said Bath Parks and Recreation Director Steve Balboni. "We just completed our very first season of sports with no rainouts on that field."

The City Council approved the installation of the turf field in April. The project was paid for by \$580,000 raised by Fields For Our Future. The field, managed by the City's Parks and Recreation Department, will be maintained over time by funds raised from recreational facility rentals and advertising revenue streams. Work on the field took place during the summer months.

This past fall, the field was home to more than 100 athletics events, including the home schedules for Morse High School and Bath Middle School field hockey, football and soccer contests. Fittingly, the field's dedication ceremony took place during Morse High School's varsity football game against Falmouth High School during a pouring rain that previously would have postponed games.

In addition to the regular school athletics schedule and recreation department programming, McMann Field drew 2,500 atten-



The artificial turf field at Edward J. McMann Athletic Complex hosted more than 100 athletic events this fall, including the well-attended State Class A and D Soccer Championships.

dees to the State Class A and D Boys and Girls Soccer Championships earlier this month.

"We were thrilled to have the State Soccer Championships back in Bath for the first time since 2008," said Balboni. "These type of events certainly benefit this community."

The efforts of Fields For Our Future, driven by Kay Beveridge and Lu Lozano, did not go unnoticed in the community. The group was recognized with the Bath Citizen Involvement Day Community Project Award (see page 6) and the Main Street Bath Economic Restructuring Committee's Spirit of

Bath Award (see page 5).

Fields For Our Future does not appear to be finished raising funds to improve the City's athletic facilities. The group plans to pursue funds to replace the McMann Field scoreboard and renovate other playing fields.

Anyone wishing to donate to Fields For Our Future may visit www.fields4ourfuture.org.

Reservations of McMann Field, or any other City recreational facility, can be done through the Parks and Recreation Department. For more information, call 443-8360.

Kaherl joins recreation department

Andy Kaherl joined the Bath Recreation Department this fall as the Assistant Recreation Director.

"We are excited to have Andy on board," said Bath Parks and Recreation Director Steve Balboni. "I think he'll be a great fit in our department."

A former Portland Pirates intern and Waterville Valley (N.H.) Recrea-

tion Department programmer, Kaherl came to Bath after serving as a graduate assistant in the Yarmouth High School Athletic Department and camp counselor/childcare associated at Casco Bay YMCA.

Kaherl earned his bachelor's degree at St. Joseph's College and has a Master's Degree from Plymouth State University.



Andy Kaherl

Community Focus: Maine Maritime Museum

Wyoming, flags are flying high

From the mast-raising on the *Wyoming* and through the fall, Maine Maritime Museum has been bustling with activity in 2013.

Through September, 42,000 visitors have entered the museum, a five percent increase over the same time period in 2012.

Billed the largest sculpture in New England, the *Wyoming* was dedicated in June after six masts were erected to complete the evocation of the 1909 schooner.

There are numerous draws to the Museum's 20-acre Washington Street campus, including the historic Percy & Small shipyard (guided tours are available), the opportunity to board the schooner *Sherman Zwicker* and detailed exhibits on lobstering and boatbuilding.



Maine Maritime Museum has been busy in recent months with the installation and dedication of the six 120-foot tall masts representing the schooner, "Wyoming". In the top photo, State Rep. Jennifer DeChant and City Council Chairman Bernie Wyman raise the state flag on one of the Wyoming's masts. In the right photo, the Wyoming adorned with flags.

The Museum also continues its highly successful Bath Iron Works Trolley Tours from May to October, which offer a behind the scenes look at the shipyard.

The Museum offers more than 20 cruises weekly during the sum-

mer months, allowing visitors to explore the Kennebec River, Merrymeeting Bay and nearby light-houses.

For more information on the Museum and its programming, visit www.mainemaritimemuseum.org.



Partnership brings cards to the Bath Farmers' Market

Shoppers can now use SNAP EBT cards and debit/credit cards at the Bath Farmers' Market. Main Street Bath has partnered with the market and Access Health to introduce a token system for electronic transfer of funds.

SNAP, Credit or Debit cards can be used at the information booth to pay for wooden tokens that you can then use just like cash to buy goods

from participating vendors.

For every \$4 of SNAP money used, shoppers will additionally receive \$1 in Market Money Tokens, and an extra \$5 in Market Money Tokens for every third visit and purchase using a SNAP EBT card.

This program was made possible with funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Community Transformation Small Commu-

nities Grant and through a partnership between MaineHealth, Access Health, a Healthy Maine Partnership and a project of Midcoast Hospital and Main Street Bath.

The Bath Farmers' Market is held in the Bath Freight Shed from November to April from 9 a.m. to noon. From May to October, the market can be found in Waterfront Park on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to noon.



Main Street Bath



Help Main Street Bath fill Santa's bag with gifts for area children in need. Donations for Santa's Bag can be dropped off in the boxes at the Patten Free Library, the Bath YMCA and in Bath City Hall.

Come celebrate the holidays in Bath

With Thanksgiving and the arrival of Santa Claus that weekend for the Children's Tree lighting each year, downtown Bath launches a full calendar of events for the holidays. Find the full calendar of Bath holiday events in downtown businesses or online at visitbath.com.

Fridays Dec. 6, 13, 20 5 -9 p.m.

Trolley Christmas Caroling

Grab a blanket and a thermos of hot chocolate and hope on the trolley with your family and friends. Let your voices ring out as the trolley travels through the streets of Bath. Don't miss these unique nights of caroling. Passengers will be picked up at City Hall every 30 minutes.

December 13 -22

Storefront Decorating Contest

Come see downtown Bath's historic buildings in holiday dress and vote for your favorite festive storefront during downtown Bath's *Window Decorating Contest*.



December 13, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Downtown Bath Open House

The streets will be lined with luminaria as Downtown Bath merchants and restaurants stay open late to welcome shoppers with festive holiday music, refreshments and one-of-a kind gifts.

December 31, noon – 1:00 p.m.
Paul Revere Bell Ringing

Please join us as we sing out the old and ring in the New Year ...a few hours early... on the historic bell at Bath City Hall.

Spirit of Bath awards handed out

A year of accomplishments and collaborations in support of downtown Bath were celebrated at Main Street Bath's 12th Annual Dinner in October.

Selected by committee chairs for recognition with "Spirit of Bath" Awards were:

Sagadahoc Preservation Inc, for their stewardship of the Winter Street Center.

Kay Beveridge and Lu Lozano for their fundraising efforts for Fields for Our Future.

Susan Gillies and Elizabeth Knowlton for their behind-the-scenes management of events like So You Think You Know Bath.

Shane and Kari McKenna for their leadership and contributions to Heritage Days and Christmas in Bath events.

In addition, the Unsung Hero Award was given to Greg Moyer for designing and maintaining the gateway garden and the Presidents Award –went to Bath City Hall, the building and the people, for 84 years of service.

The featured speaker was former state Senator Seth Goodall, recently appointed regional administrator of the Small Business Administration of New England.

Service celebrated at Citizen Involvement Day

Joanne Marco, Will Neilson, Fields For Our Future and Kevin Thibodeau were recognized for their commitment to service and community at the 15th annual Bath Citizen Involvement Day in Waterfront Park in October.

The City also recognized former Community Development Director Al Smith by renaming the Community Spirit Award "The Al Smith Community Spirit Award." Smith created Citizen Involvement Day 15 years ago to help recognize individuals and projects that benefit the community, and to give non-profits a platform from which to spread the word of their activities.

Neilson was recognized with the Al Smith Community Spirit Award for his committed involvement with numerous programs, including Bath Rotary, Main Street Bath and its Economic Restructuring Committee, the Bath Freight Shed, and his service as Chair of the Greater Bath Elder Outreach.

Marco was named the Citizen of the Year for serving the community in many capacities. She is in her final year as Executive Director at Bath Housing Authority, Elmhurst, Bath Police Department, Bath Area Family YMCA, Children's Schoolhouse, Chocolate Church, Community Development Committee and the Creative Community Alliance have also benefited from her steadfast leadership.

Thibodeau was honored with the Youth Award for his effort "Make Music, Save a Life." The donations he raised for the Maine Youth Suicide Prevention program will impact the lives of hundreds of other teens in the Bath community.

Fields For Our Future received the Community Project Award. Led by Kay Beveridge and Lu Lozano, this group raised more than \$600,000 for the turf field and continue to pursue revenue streams for improvements at other Bath's recreational facilities.



Bath Citizen Involvement Day was held in October. In the top photo, Fields For Our Future, accepted by Kay Beveridge, Parks and Recreation Director Steve Balboni and Lu Lozano, was honored with the Community Project Award. In the bottom photo, Will Neilson, flanked by City Council Chairman Bernie Wyman and emcee Erika Benson, was recognized with the Al Smith Community Spirit Award.

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anticipated to be used to match \$500,000 of state funds as part of a Municipal Partnership Initiative to improve the southern end of High Street.

Owen said the road bond may be used to match other state and

federal transportation grants.

"We're constantly looking at how to leverage the money we have and get the best prices we can in order to get the best return," said Owen.

Owen said paving the high traffic density roads, such as High Street, are first and foremost on the agenda.

"With what we have left, we hope to be able to do some side

roads," said Owen, noting that some city streets have not been paved in 20 years.

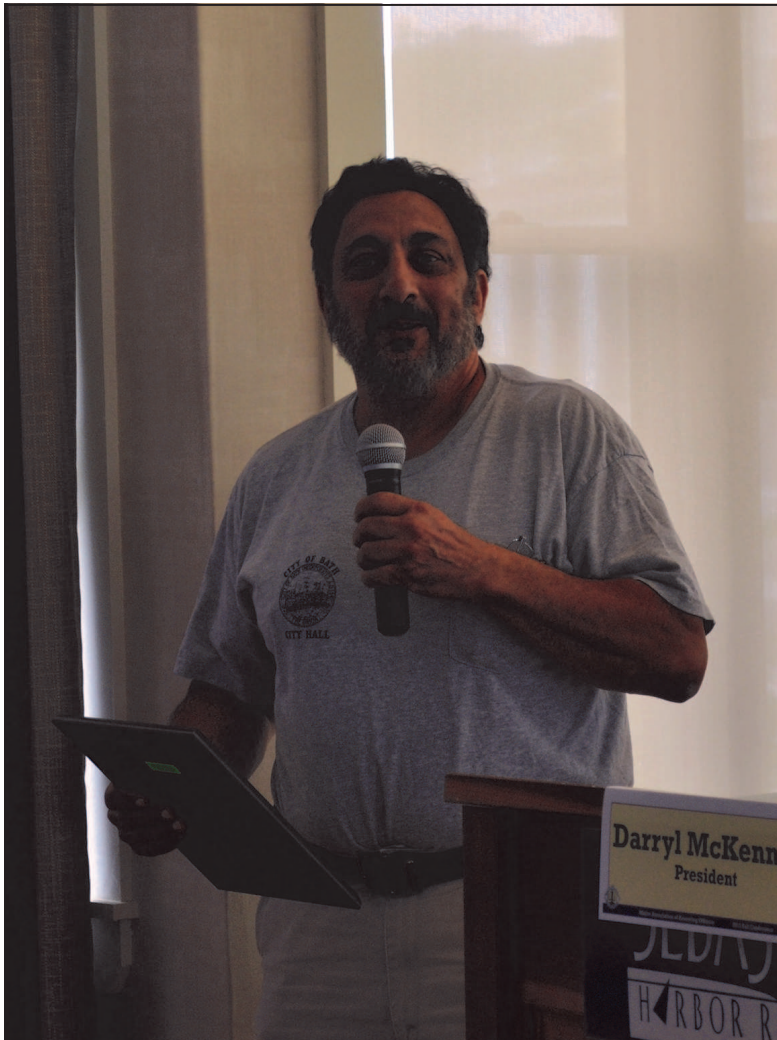
Of course, plans can change. A broken culvert or washed out road can cause Owen to re-evaluate the approach to paving.

The need to replace a culvert led to Oak Grove Avenue, from

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Assessor honored



Paul Mateosian, the City's Assessor, was named the 2013 Assessor of the Year by the Maine Association of Assessing Officers in September. The criteria for the MAAO Assessor of the Year Award included service and contribution beyond just that of the municipality in which he/she serves by active participation in various assessing organizations; quality and consistency of work product; recognized as an assessor who displays characteristics of integrity and leadership; and at least three years experience as an assessor.

Promotions, new hires at police department

The Bath Police Department has recently been going through a number of changes due to retirements and other appointments.

The Department said good bye to Patrol Sgt. Jeff Shiers, who served the City for 26 years.

After the appointment of Robert Savary to Lieutenant, several supervisory positions were open.

David Beauregard was promoted to the rank of Detective Sergeant. Beauregard is a 23 year veteran and has served in several capacities, including more than 10 years as drug detective.

Nathan Gould was promoted to the rank of Patrol Sergeant. Gould is a 12 year veteran and also serves as a Firearms Instructor and Harbor Master.

Jason Aucoin, a 14 year veteran, was promoted to Corporal. Cpl. Aucoin serves as AARP instructor, Child Seat certified installation, and the fleet manager for our cruisers.

Michelle Small was promoted to the other Corporal position. She is the first female patrol supervisor with the Department and is a 12 year veteran. Most people recognize Cpl. Small as our K9 Officer with her canine, Sampson.

Andrew Booth was promoted to the drug detective position. Booth has been with the Department for 11 years.

In June 2013, the RSU 1 voted to fund a Student Resource Officer at Morse High School. Officer Ted Raedel was appointed to that position. Raedel was the officer in the school back in 2007 when it was removed.

New officers include Eric Bryan, Charles "Chuck" Reece and Mark Steele Jr. Bryan will attend the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in January and Reece and Steele are graduates of the academy.

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Crawford Drive to Whiskeag Road, being attended to this fall

There are four different approaches to paving: overlay, shim and overlay, grind and new pavement and box cut.

Overlay is the equivalent of putting down a coat of fresh pavement

and is the least inexpensive fix, but often does not remedy the real problem of the road way.

Shim and overlay involves rebuilding the crown of the road, typically a 6-8 year fix, while grinding and new pavement gives the roadway a base and surface coat of pavement.

The box cut is the most costly option, essentially is rebuilding the road.

Owen said they want to "avoid those big investments", but admits that there may be some roadways in need of that type of repair.

Owen said that projects from the bond will be stretched out over the next three to five years.

"The bond will help us catch up on our roads," said Owen. "And, help keep the good roads in good shape."



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Council stamps flag approval

By an unanimous vote, the City Council adopted the City Flag proposal from the City's Flag Committee and graphic designer Jeremy Hammond in July.

According to the resolution, the City Flag "reflects the pride and heritage of the City and which presents an ongoing representation of this pride and heritage." The flag features a golden ship on red background atop two sets of wavy white and blue lines.

The flag, designed by Jeremy Hammond, will be displayed in front of City Hall and in the Auditorium. The Flag Committee was comprised of City Councilors Carolyn Lockwood, Sean Paulhus and David Sinclair. City Councilor Mari Eosco also previously served on the Flag Committee.



City Councilor Sean Paulhus displays the City Flag, which was adopted in July. Paulhus served on the Flag Committee with City Councilors Carolyn Lockwood and David Sinclair.