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Message from Peter Owen, City Manager

Dear Friends of Bath,

Bath lost an outstanding civil servant on January 29th. Ward 4 City Councilor and former Council Chair Bernard "Bernie" A. Wyman, Jr., has passed away at the age of 80. Bernie was a quiet man who led by example. He was active in numerous organizations throughout the community, and his hard work and dedication to the people of Bath earned him respect and admiration. His legacy of humanitarianism to the citizens of Bath make's his absence deeply felt in our community. Our heart goes out to his loving wife, Quinda, and the rest of his family.

The City will hold a special election on April 2 to fill Bernie's seat and elect a new District 52 House Representative following the recent resignation of Rep. Jennifer DeChant. To learn more about the election, including how to vote by absentee ballot, please visit the [election page](#) on the City website.

Sincerely,

Peter H. Owen

City Manager

City News

Community FYI

- **Marijuana Legislation Public Hearing on March 5** - The Bath Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing to review a new Land Use Code ordinance to establish legislation on adult use and medical marijuana. [Learn More](#)
- **Special Election on April 2** - Bath will hold a special election to fill the Ward 4 City Council seat and elect a new State Representative. [Learn More](#)

Main Street Bath Welcomes New Director

[Main Street Bath](#), a non-profit organization which fosters economic growth in the downtown area and coordinates some of our favorite events (like Heritage Days), has hired Damariscotta native Amanda Stanley as Director.

"The best part of life is connecting with people and seeking ways to better their lives," Amanda said. "I am eager to continue the great work of Main Street in connecting the community, businesses and tourism to continually thrive in this vibrant little city."

[Learn More](#) about Amanda and her vision for Main Street Bath.



Local Community Members Honored at Maine Chiefs of Police

Association Award Ceremony

The Maine Chiefs of Police Association recently presented Sgt. Nathan Gould and Officer Nick Green (of the Bath Police Department) as well as Deputy Matthew Sharp and Deputy Virgil "Andy" Anderson (of the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office) with the Lifesaving Award. Jamie Dorr, President of the Midcoast Community Alliance, received the Humanitarian Award.

To learn more about the exemplary actions that preceded these awards, you can read this [Bangor Daily News article](#).



Age Friendly Communities of the Lower Kennebec Launches Newsletter

The group focused on making local communities more livable for aging residents has released its first newsletter. Topics include helpful local programs like "Sand for Seniors" and the "Good Morning Program." [Click Here](#) to read more.



Where Do I Recycle This?

The City of Bath website is a great resource for questions about recycling. Our Public Works department even developed new pages about how to recycle troublesome items like [plastic films](#) and [mercury thermometers](#). [Learn more](#)



Farm League Baseball, Lacrosse and More at Bath Parks and Rec.

Online registration is open for these programs:

Farm League Baseball (April 22 - June 8)

\$45.00 Res. | \$50 Non-Res.

This program will focus on the basic skills & foundations of baseball for children ages 7 and 8 (ages determined as April 30, 2019.) Eight-year-olds may petition up to Cal Ripken; more info to come. \$5 discount if you register before March 1! [Learn More](#)

T-Ball (April 27 - June 8)

\$35.00 Res. | \$40.00 Non-Res.

This program is for children ages 5 and 6 (ages determined as of April 30, 2019). Skills & Drills on April 27 and May 4 (Featuring Stations for Hitting, Fielding, Pitching & Catching). First official T-Ball games will begin on May 11. \$5 discount if you register before March 1! [Learn More](#)

Running Club (April 22 - June 2)

\$60.00 Res. | \$65.00 Non-Res.

The Bath Run Club promotes running as a fun, lifelong activity. This program is divided into three divisions: Grades K-2 (1/2 mile), grades 3-4 (3/4 mile), and grades 5-6 (1 mile). There is a \$5 discount if you register before March 1. There is a \$10 late fee if you register after April 5. [Learn More](#)

Lacrosse, Grades K - 2 (April 22 - May 20)

\$25.00 Res. | \$30.00 Non-Res.

This five week clinic-based program will take place one day a week and features stations for agility, dodging, passing and shooting. *2nd graders who have at least 1 year experience in our K - 2nd grade program are eligible to sign up to participate in the 3rd-4th grade program.* [Learn More](#)

Lacrosse, Grades 3-6 (April 8 - June 15)

\$65.00 Res. | \$70.00 Non-Res.

This program features practices twice a week with a focus on dodging, passing, agility, shooting, and teamwork. Games on Saturdays and some Sundays. (This league will travel). Games will not begin until April 28. *2nd graders who have at least 1 year experience in our K-2 program are eligible to sign up to participate in the 3-4 program.* Register by March 15 and take \$10 off the registration fee per participant. [Learn More](#)

FREE Lacrosse Clinic for Boys & Girls, Grades K-6 (March 23)

Saturday, March 23 at the Hyde School Field House.

K-6 Girls: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. **K-6 Boys:** 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Valentine's Day in Bath

They appear overnight - hundreds of heart covering Downtown Bath with love. Who puts them up? No one knows! The annual tradition has become a special treat for those who visit the downtown on February 14.

Upcoming Events

Henna Body Art Program for Teens

Thursday, Feb. 21 | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Patten Free Library, Teen Space

Professional henna artist Genevieve Levin will offer a demonstration and paint individual hand adornments for teen participants (seventh grade and up). The workshop is free but pre-registration is required: space is limited. [Learn More](#)



Be Bath, Buy Bath

Friday, Feb. 1 - Monday, April 1
Downtown Bath

Shop local and earn a chance to win weekly! Make four purchases at four different participating businesses, receive a sticker for each purchase, and place your completed card in the box outside City Hall for a chance to win a \$25 or \$75 Gift of Bath Certificate. [Learn More](#)

Presented by Main Street Bath

A promotional card titled "BE BATH, BUY BATH" with the subtitle "Shop Local and earn a chance to Win Weekly!". It includes fields for "Name:" and "Phone Number:". Below these, it says "Make 4 purchases at 4 different participating businesses, receive a sticker for each purchase, and place your completed card in the box outside City Hall for a chance to win a \$25 or \$75 Gift of Bath Certificate." At the bottom, there are four circles numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4, representing the four purchases. The card is presented by Main Street Bath.

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AARP Tax Help

Wednesdays and Thursdays now to April 11

Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Thursdays 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Patten Free Library

No appointment necessary; first come, first served basis only. Bring last year's return, Social Security card, and photo ID.



Find more community events on VisitBath.com

Staff Spotlight



Meet Jacob Dodge

Jacob Dodge started his Public Works career with a trial-by-fire, or, more appropriately, a trial by Maine winter. His first day of work as a truck driver coincided with a snow storm, which meant that he had to learn his plow route as he plowed. Fortunately for the City, this didn't deter him from the job.

Eighteen years later, Jacob is now our City Foreman. Working under the leadership of Public Works Director Lee Leiner, Jacob manages a constant stream of work requests and oversees a ten man crew of mechanics, heavy equipment operators, and truck drivers.

"I work with a lot of good, hardworking guys," Jacob said. "They all have a good sense of humor. It's my job to help them prioritize work, check in on them, and keep things organized."

Jacob's team is divided into a street crew (which oversees City streets, sidewalks, and road signage) and a sewer crew (which oversees the City's sewerage collection systems and storm water drainage system). In 2018 alone, they completed 566 work requests and spent the rest of their time performing maintenance and improvement projects around the City.

"Public Works are the magicians behind the scenes that make things happen, mostly out-of-sight," said City Manager Peter Owen. "When things don't go well it affects lots of people. Jake is one of those dedicated employees who endeavors to make things go well. The City is lucky to have him."

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