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Message from Peter Owen, City Manager

Dear Friends of Bath,

I'm pleased to share that we have released the City's Annual Report for the 2018 fiscal year. You can review the report online by [Clicking Here](#). Inside you will find individual reports from City departments and community partners, as well as the City's audit report. I hope you find the content engaging and useful.

With April on the way, the City is approaching the one-year anniversary of the [Bath Bag Ban Ordinance](#). By avoiding single-use bags (either paper or plastic), we are cutting down on our environmental impact, reducing litter, and saving landfill space.

Reusable bags are available inexpensively at several local retailers. Have some fun with it: if you're a Red Sox fan, get a Red Sox bag. If you're a coffee lover, get a bag made from used coffee bean sacks. (Plus, if you don't take that single-use bag, you save yourself a trip to the recycling or trash bin.) Reusable bags handle everything from groceries to books, tools, candy, sweaters – any and all items sold in Bath.

What's the hardest part about going reusable? Remembering to take the bags into the store! So get them into the car. Put a note on the dashboard or tell your kids to remind you. Whatever it takes, shop

smart and go reusable.

To find out more ways to be environmentally friendly in Bath by recycling and composting, [click here](#).

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,



Peter H. Owen, P.E.
City Manager

City News

Community FYI

- **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. Absentee ballots are now available. [Learn More](#)
- **Marijuana Legislation Public Hearing on April 2** - The Bath Planning Board will be holding another Public Hearing to review legislation on adult use and medical marijuana. [Learn More](#)
- **Community Forestry Committee has added more seats** - Are you interested in joining a committee dedicated to preserving and enhancing Bath's natural beauty? Then consider joining the Community Forestry Committee! [Application Form](#)
- **Aroma Joe's is coming to Bath** - Great news for coffee lovers! Groundwork is underway for the construction of an Aroma Joe's at 137 Leeman Highway (U.S. Route 1).
- **Sisters Gourmet Deli to open second location in Bath** - The Sandwich Shop, which closed Feb. 28 after 35 years of business, has been sold to Sisters Gourmet Deli. The new restaurant will open following building renovations.

Curbside Collection Changing April 1

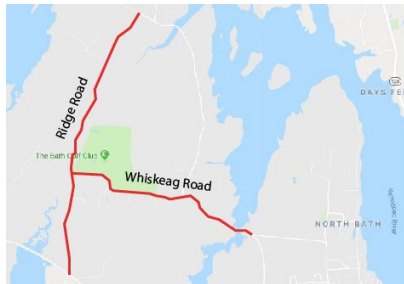
For your convenience, trash and recycling will be picked up on the same day of the week beginning April 1. This will be the same day on which your recycling is currently picked up. Questions? Please call Pine Tree Waste at (207) 442-7141. [Learn More](#)



Posted Roads

The City has posted **Ridge Road**, **Whiskeag Road** (from Oak Grove Avenue intersection to Ridge Road intersection), and **High Street** (from the corner of Bridge Street to the West Bath town line) to limit vehicles of excessive weight (over 23,000 lbs).

It is expected that the postings will be removed on May 1, depending on weather conditions. [Learn More](#)



Bath Police Department Holds Annual Award Ceremony

The Bath Police Department held its annual award ceremony on February 26. Officer of the Year, Cpl. Mark Steele, and Employee of the Year, Data Analyst and Accreditation Program Manager Shelby Chamberland, are pictured right. Merit Awards: Cpl. Steele, Officer Eric Bryan, Officer Nick Green, and Officer John Dietlin. Congratulations to all, and thank you for all you do!



Order Backyard Composting Supplies

Get your backyard composting supplies from the City of Bath while supplies last. From kitchen pails to lobster trap composters, we have your composting needs covered! Orders are due by May 3 and you can pick up your items starting June 8. [Learn More](#)



Summer Camps, Community Garden and more at Bath Parks and Rec.

Can you believe that March 20 is the first day of spring? Don't let summer catch you off-guard - online registration is available now for programming at Bath Parks and Recreation that will keep you and your kids outdoors and active. [Click Here](#) to learn more.



A Caring Community: Students Helping Students

On Mondays and Wednesdays at the [Bath Youth Meetinghouse & Skatepark](#), Morse High School senior Samantha Myers (*pictured above*) generously donates her time to help mentor younger students. The Skatepark's homework room offers a quiet place for arts and crafts or homework help, which Myers describes as a healthy alternative for after school care. Great work, Samantha!

Learn more about the Skatepark's Teen Center by [Clicking Here](#).

Upcoming Events

The USS Maine and American Propaganda

Saturday, March 23 | 2 - 3 p.m.

Maine Maritime Museum, 243 Washington St

The explosion and sinking of the USS Maine off the coast of Cuba on February 15, 1898, set off a media storm of battling headlines and fake stories in American newspapers. Join Curator of Exhibits Christopher Timm to flip through the pages and images that culminated in a dramatic shift in U.S. and Caribbean relations. [Learn More](#)



Bath-Tsugaru Student Exchange Program Fundraising Dinner

Monday, April 1 | 5 - 8 p.m.

Henry and Marty Restaurant, 61 Maine St, Brunswick

Thirty years ago Bath began a formal student exchange with its sister city, Tsugaru, Japan. Join us for a fundraising dinner to support this great program: there will be door prizes, delicious food, and silent auction! [Learn More](#)



Hot Chocolate Jubilee

Thursday, April 4 - Sunday, April 7 | 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St

The premier variety show of the region, featuring music and singing and dance by local community talent. Don't miss this entertainment experience! This is a fundraising event for the Chocolate Church Arts Center. [Learn More](#)



Find more community events on VisitBath.com

Staff Spotlight



Meet Susie Hunt

Every week Susie Hunt prepares paychecks for the City's 120 employees (150 in the summer months, with the addition of seasonal employees), but that isn't the only reason she's popular around the office.

"Susie is nice to everyone," said Finance Director Juli Millett. "When people come into the office, they always ask for her. Sometimes they'll even leave and come back if she's not here."

Susie began her job with the City of Bath seventeen years ago working in the Treasurer's Office at City Hall. In 2004, she switched offices to become Payroll Supervisor of the Finance Department.

Taking people under her wing is natural for the mother of two. Employees with questions about tax and benefits paperwork will find that Susie goes out of her way to walk them through the forms individually.

"I like what I do, and I like helping people," she said with a smile. "I'm a people pleaser."

In addition to her payroll duties, Susie is responsible for benefit reconciliations, accounts payable (paying all City invoices), and assisting the Treasurer's Office when the need arises. "She is very dedicated to her work," Juli added. "She's here every day, and she always gets the job done."

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