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## Message from Peter Owen, City Manager

Dear Friends of Bath,

With the conclusion of the City's Special Election on April 2, Bath welcomed Sean C. Paulhus as our District 52 House Representative and Rachele "Raye" Shelley Leonard as our new Ward Four City Councilor. Rep. Paulhus does not intend to vacate his current seat on the Bath City Council, and will continue to serve Ward Two while also attending to his duties in Augusta.

I recently had the chance to meet with Councilor Leonard, who shared her excitement about joining City Council and readiness to dive into the annual budget process this month.

If you have questions or comments for Councilor Leonard, she can be reached at [leonard@CityofBath.com](mailto:leonard@CityofBath.com). Please join me in wishing her good luck in her new role.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter H. Owen".

Peter H. Owen, P.E.  
City Manager

## City News

### Community FYI

- **Spring Leaf Curbside Collection Begins** - [Learn More](#)
- **Marijuana Legislation Public Hearing on April 30** - The Bath Planning Board will be holding another Public Hearing to review legislation on adult use and medical marijuana. [Learn More](#)
- **More Parking in Downtown** - City Council has given initial approval to add 24 new parking spots to the streets surrounding the Patten Free Library and Library Park. [Learn More](#)

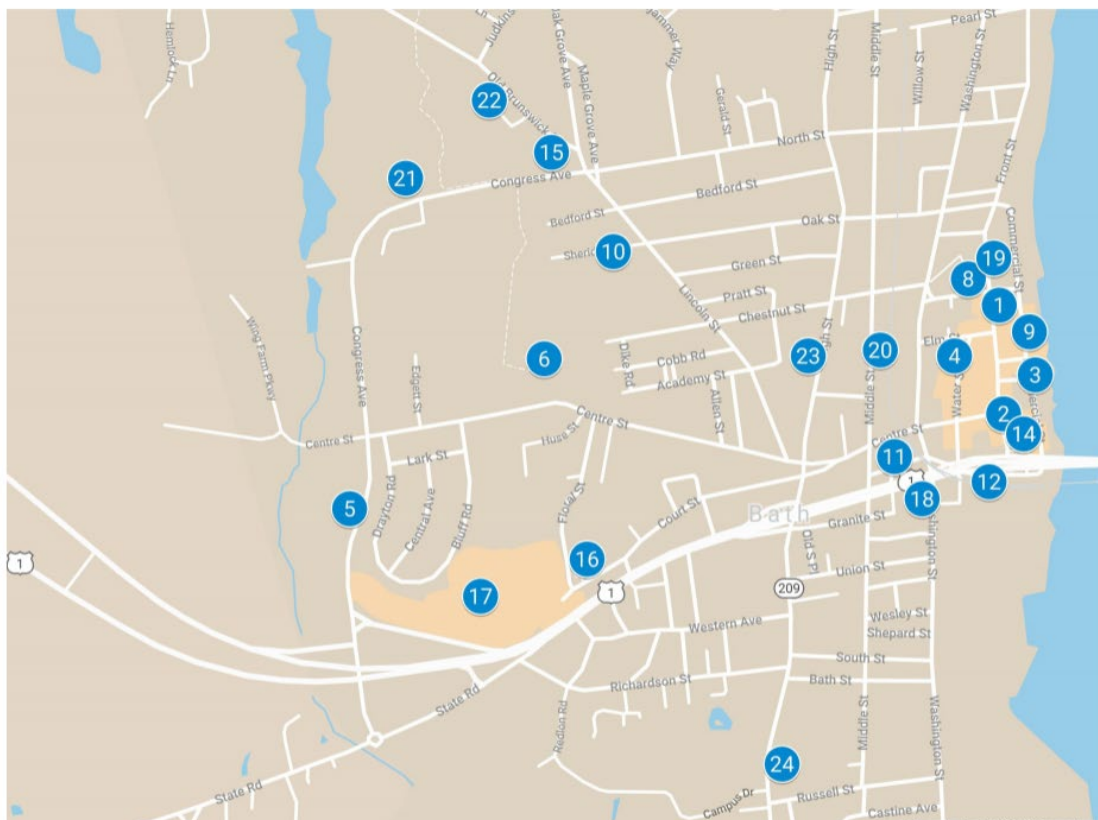
### Bath seniors Can Stay "Comfortably Home"

Did you know Bath Housing's *Comfortably Home* program helps seniors live independently - and safely - in their own homes? Their professional team makes minor repairs and basic accessibility and safety improvements at no cost for qualified homeowners. [Learn More](#)



### Sign Up for Summer Camps at Bath Parks and Recreation!

Bath Parks and Recreation is ready for the summer season. Register today for [Mad Science Summer Camp](#), [Seacost United Soccer Camp](#), [Bath Area Youth Football League Summer Camp](#), or our [Summer Day Camp](#) (Grades 1-4) and [Camp Extreme](#) (Grades 5-8) today! [Click Here](#) to see all programs.



## Bath is Bike-Friendly!

Great news for bikers! The [Bath Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee](#) has created an [interactive map](#) showing all of the bike racks in the City. You can also download a PDF of the map [here](#).

Also, in celebration of [Bike to Work Week](#), the committee will be hosting a pop-up bike rack on the corner of Front and Centre Streets from May 6 to May 18. You can use the pop-up rack or any of the other 24 racks in town during your two-wheel commute!

## Upcoming Events

### Household Hazardous Waste Day

**Saturday, April 27 | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Bath Public Works, 450 Oak Grove Ave**

Do you have materials in your home that you no longer need that you think might be hazardous? Then take advantage of our upcoming FREE collection event. **Advance registration is required.** Call 1-

888-958-2255.

[Learn More](#)



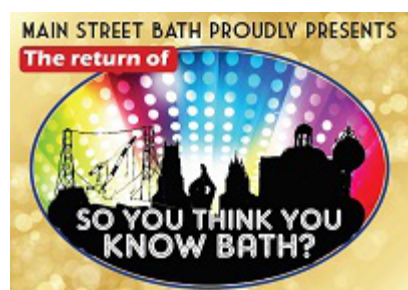
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## So You Think You Know Bath?

**Saturday, May 4 | 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**Maine Maritime Museum, 243 Washington St.**

This locally famous game show hosted by Main Street Bath is fun for new and life-long residents! There will be a silent auction, raffle prizes, and plenty of food! Proceeds go to support Main Street Bath programs and events. Tickets are \$35 per person. [Learn More.](#)



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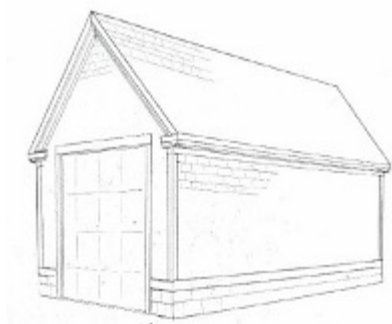
## Forestry Center Dedication

**Sunday, May 5 | 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**61 Old Brunswick Rd.**

The Bath Community Forestry Committee invites you to attend the dedication ceremony of their new Forestry Center! Light refreshments will be served, and native plants will be available for purchase.

[Learn More.](#)



## Electronic Waste Recycling

**Saturday, May 11 | 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

**Morse High School, 826 High St.**

This public service event by the Bath Rotary Club makes it possible for you to get rid of the electronic waste (TVs, computers, cell phones, etc.) that's cluttering up your home or small business! [Learn More](#).



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Find more community events on [VisitBath.com](http://VisitBath.com)

## Staff Spotlight



### Meet Deputy Chief Christopher Cummings

Christopher Cummings, MEFCO III, joined the Bath Fire and Rescue Department in 2000 and was recently promoted to Deputy Chief. Ever since becoming a volunteer firefighter in high school, Chris has always known that firefighting was something he wanted to do. "It's an interesting and rewarding career," he said. "You get to help the public. That's why we all sign up."

As Deputy Chief, Chris is busy with the day-to-day operations of the department, but that doesn't mean that he's bound to the fire station. Chris responds to calls, works in tandem with the Codes Enforcement Office to correct violations, and leads public education events on fire safety.

As testament to his years of service and ongoing training, Chris is one of only a handful of firefighters in the state with a Maine Chief Fire Officer (MECFO) III designation from the Maine Fire Chiefs' Association. This honor places him at the top of his field, but he's not resting on his laurels – he's currently working to become a licensed Fire Inspector so that he can protect more properties from fires *before* they begin.

One of Chris's proudest moments as a firefighter occurred in March of 2014, when, just weeks after he had been promoted to Captain, a structure fire broke out on South Street in Bath. Chris and his crew were on site in minutes, and were able to save the lives of a father and son trapped on the third floor of the building. A proclamation from City Council hanging on the wall of the station attests to the crew's efforts, and thanks them on behalf of a grateful community.

"We have a talented group of people working here," Chris said. "On every call they're top notch, and it makes you very proud that you offer such a service in your community."

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