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Message from Peter Owen, City Manager

Dear Friends of Bath,

This month, with great thanks to our Department Directors, Finance staff, City Council, and the members of the Bath community who attended the public hearing on May 15, the City is moving forward with its proposed FY2019-2020 budget. The City Council will vote to approve the budget on June 5.

I am pleased to share that this budget will result in a municipal decrease in taxes for our residents; a remarkable accomplishment. Bath has been both prudent with its budget for the coming year yet provided necessary funding in key areas which will improve the City's ability to serve its residents.

The City's tax decrease (-0.42%), coupled with slight proposed increases by RSU#1 (1.25%) and Sagadahoc County (0.20%), means an anticipated tax increase of 1.04% for property owners. This would equate to an approximate \$35 increase in taxes on a home valued at \$200,000. As a reminder, the City is in the middle of a revaluation. Tax rates will be based on the amount of taxes needed to be raised divided by the new valuation. If there is an increase in town value, the estimated tax rates will decrease.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for viewing on the City's website, at the Patten Free

Library, and at the City Clerk's office.

Sincerely,



Peter H. Owen, P.E.
City Manager

City News

Community FYI

- **New Co-Working Space** - Union + Co has opened their doors at 48 Front Street to provide local entrepreneurs with a shared working space.
- **"Fired up" about Bruno's** - a new pizza place is coming to the downtown - Bruno's Wood-Fire Pizza is under construction at 128 Front Street.

City Offices and Landfill: Upcoming Holiday Closures

Please note that City offices and the City of Bath Landfill will be closed on **Monday, May 27**, in observance of Memorial Day. Curbside collection will be delayed until the next business day (Tuesday, May 28).

Linden, Summer Street Turn One-Way

In the interest of driver safety, Linden Street and Summer Street are being converted to one-way streets on May 22. The change will also create 26 new parking spaces near the Downtown. [Learn More](#)



Bag Fee Becomes Optional May 22

City Council has voted to end the mandatory fee on single-use paper carryout bags. Beginning May 22, business owners may choose to their establish their own fee for single-use paper bags or discontinue charging a fee entirely. [Learn More](#)



Arbor Day Celebration

On Wednesday, May 22, The Community Forestry Committee will celebrate Arbor Day in Bath by giving certificates to the winners of this year's residential and business landscaping awards. Afterward, at noon, they will plant a ceremonial tree in Library Park. The public is welcome to attend.

The winners of this year's residential landscaping award are **William and Amy Lent**. The winner of the business landscaping award is the **Center for P.E.A.C.E & Community Biosophical Institute**.



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](#), [Seacoast 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.



Registration Open for Heritage Days Road Race

The Bath Parks and Recreation Department has opened registration for the Heritage Days Road Race, held on July 4 at Bath City Hall.

1 MILE FUN RUN: NEW Start Time 7:15 a.m. This is a non-competitive Fun Run. Each participant's time will be cataloged & results will be posted, however individual awards will not be given out.

5 MILE ROAD RACE: NEW Start Time 8:00 a.m. 1st and 2nd Place Trophies will be given in the men's and women's categories. *The first 50 5-Milers to pre-register will receive a Road Race t-shirt.*

- 1st & 2nd Place Trophies will be Awarded to the Top Male/Female Finishers in the 5 Mile Race to the following categories; Overall, 14 & Under, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 & up
- Pre-Race Registration Fee; 1 Mile \$10.00/ 5 Mile \$18.00
- Race Day Registration Fee; 1 Mile \$12.00/ 5 Mile \$22.00
- Race Day Registration Times; **6:15 a.m.-7:00 a.m.** at Bath City Hall

[Register Online](#)



Bath Middle School Prepares for Odyssey of the Mind Finals

Students from Bath Middle School (BMS) attended May's City Council Meeting to share some exciting news! Two teams from BMS have been selected to attend the Odyssey of the Mind world finals in Michigan at the end of the month. To learn more, [click here](#).

Upcoming Events

Age-Friendly Communities of the Lower Kennebec - Public Forum

Thursday, May 23 | 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Patten Free Library, 33 Summer Street

After surveying residents of our region and gathering more than 1,000 responses, Age-Friendly Communities of the Lower Kennebec is ready to share their results! How age-friendly is our region? What are our next steps? Attend this public forum to learn more.

Bath Safety Day & Bike Rodeo

Saturday, June 1 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Bath Police Department, 250 Water Street

Join this fun and informational event which will feature free bike helmets, bike tune-ups, a demonstration by our favorite police dog (K9 Sampson), a bounce house, safety simulator, and much more! [Learn More](#)



Morse High School Alumni Weekend

Friday, June 7 - Sunday, June 9

Celebrate the blue and white! Alumni weekend culminates in the Morse High School Class of 2019 graduation at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 9 at McMann Field. [Learn More](#)



17th Annual House & Garden Tour of Historic Bath

Saturday, June 15 | 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Winter Street Center, 880 Washington St.

Join Sagadahoc Preservation Inc. for the exclusive opportunity to see inside the most unique and historic homes and gardens in Bath! [Learn More](#)



Find more community events on VisitBath.com

Staff Spotlight



Meet Ann London

Administrative Assistant Ann London will celebrate her thirty-fifth year working in the City of Bath's Parks and Recreation Department this August. The department, located in the Donald Small School on 4 Sheridan Road, depends on Ann for various tasks that make daily operations possible, from payroll to policy and procedure management to program registration and event coordination.

Because the Parks and Recreation Department offers over twenty community programs (available to both residents and non-residents) throughout the course of the year, Ann is always busy with a new project, but says she likes the diversity.

"I love my job. There's something different going on every day. We also have wonderful staff – I couldn't ask for better people to work with. We're very much like a family."

Ann, whose own sons participated in Recreation programming when they were young, says that greeting families who have come to register their children for a program is one of her favorite parts of her job. "It's heartwarming to see a child's face light up that first time they sign up for a sport," she said. "I love meeting new families that have moved to the Bath area and sharing the opportunities our department and our City have to offer."

Steve Balboni, Director of Parks and Recreation, says that Ann is amazing to work with. "Her experience and attitude are what make this department run. Many people see her at the front desk, but she does so much more to make sure the public is served the best it can be."

If you would like to learn more about Recreation Department programming, visit BathRecreation.com.

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