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Message from Peter Owen, City Manager

Dear Friends of Bath,

After what felt like a slow start to the season, summer is finally here. Heritage Days drew thousands of people to Bath for Independence Day week, and excellent weather meant that the streets were full of folks enjoying live music, fireworks, carnival rides, and community events. I want to extend my thanks to Main Street Bath and their community partners for organizing this much-anticipated and successful event.

Main Street Bath is looking for feedback on Heritage Days so that they can make next year's event even better. If you would like to take their survey, [please click here](#).

Also going in Bath is the continuation of Main Street Bath's Summer Concert Series. These free, weekly concerts are held at the gazebo in Library Park and at Waterfront Park – you can [view the online schedule here](#). [Kindness Day Bath](#), held Saturday, August 17, is also coming up, so mark your calendars!

Please enjoy these events and the wonderful community we live in.

Sincerely,



Peter H. Owen, P.E.
City Manager

City News

Community FYI

- **Committee Openings** - Interested in contributing to your community? The Bath City Council is looking for candidates to fill positions on several committee/boards. [Learn More](#)
- **Tax Club Enrollment Forms Available** - This program allows residents of the City of Bath spread out their property tax bill in twelve (12) monthly installments instead of a single payment. [Learn More](#)
- **Public Works projects** - Public Works is beginning a storm drain project at Fisher Mitchell School this month. They are also working on sewer and storm drain repairs (on Oak Grove Ave, Centre Street, and others), working on granite curb reconstruction on Maple Grove Ave, continuing to stripe, and performing storm drain work at the cemetery entrance on Oak Grove.

City Council Nomination Papers Available

Nomination papers for City Council (Ward 5, 7, and one at-large position) are available at the City Clerk's Office beginning today. Nomination papers can be filed no earlier than Tuesday, July 16 and no later than Tuesday, August 20. [Learn More](#)



Invitation to Bid: 26 Summer Street

The City of Bath is soliciting sealed bids for the purchase of property at 26 Summer Street. Bids will be accepted until noon local time on Friday, August 23, 2019. [Learn More](#)



Sign Up for Youth Soccer and Football!

Bath Area Youth Soccer: Season starts the first week of September!

Co-Ed Kindergarten: \$30 Res/\$35 Non-Res

Co-Ed Grades 1-2: \$45 Res/\$50 Non-Res

Girls & Boys Grades 3-4: \$45 Res/\$50 Non-Res

Co-Ed Grades 5-7: \$45 Res/\$50 Non-Res

(**7th graders who play for Bath Middle School or Woolwich Central School ARE NOT eligible to participate in Rec League**)

Register before Aug. 9 and receive a \$5 discount.

Registration Deadline is Aug. 23 at 4 p.m. - [Register Here](#)

Bath Youth Football League: Season runs Sept. 9 to Oct. 28

Suit up night Sept. 3 from 5 - 7 p.m. at Donald Small School

Girls & Boys Grades 3-6: \$60 for season (no travel)

[Register Here](#)



Bath and Brunswick Fire Departments Partner to Promote Safety

This month the Bath Fire & Rescue Department teamed up with the Brunswick Maine Fire Department for an all-day training session at Bath's training facility. The training was filmed by Pete Compagna at Brunswick Cable 3 and will be used as footage for upcoming episodes of [Stay Safe](#), a series co-produced by Compagna and Brunswick Firefighter David Jester.

Not only was this collaboration a great way to spread the word about fire safety, it was also a great training opportunity for the newest members of Bath Fire & Rescue, firefighters Ben Hillicoss and Nate Berger (*pictured above*).

Thank you to all involved for making this a safe and successful exercise!

Upcoming Events

Head Start Open Application Day and Community Resource Fair

**Wednesday, June 24 | 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.,
Library Park, 890 Washington Street**

Midcoast Maine Community Action invites you to come learn about their Head Start and Early Head Start Programs, as well as other community resources. There will be children's activities and the Bath Fire Department will be on site with goodies! [Learn More](#)



6th Annual Kindness Day Bath

**Saturday, August 17 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Downtown Bath**

Kindness Day Bath is a free, family-friendly event where our community comes together to share small acts of kindness. Smiles are guaranteed as people enjoy live music, snacks, activities, friendship, and community spirit. [Learn More](#)



Find more community events on [VisitBath.com](https://www.visitbath.com)

Staff Spotlight



Meet Jason Marshall

Jason Marshall began his career in municipal government in Harpswell where he was the town's Assistant Code Enforcement Officer for nearly seven years. For someone who describes himself as "almost pathologically non-confrontational," codes enforcement could be stressful, and it was a welcome change for him to join the City of Bath in 2015 in a new position: Assistant Assessor.

"I was psyched to come here," Jason said. "There's a lot of variety in this job."

One of the many tasks Jason is responsible for includes keeping an inventory of taxable business-personal property (equipment which furthers the success of a business; cash registers at Shaw's, or cranes at BIW, for instance) within the City. In order to help small businesses offset the cost of

business-personal property, Jason also helps business owners connect with tax reimbursement and exemption programs like [BETE and BETR](#).

When Jason is not tracking business-personal property, processing real estate sales or administering property tax exemptions, he has another job for the City – winding Hallet's Clock at the corner of Front and Centre Streets.

"I picked up clock winding duty because I happened to be walking in when Mike (City of Bath Facilities Director) was heading out to wind the clock. He asked if I would be interested in learning how – sure! Now I wind the clock once a week on Tuesday mornings."

Recently the Assessor's Office has been busy with a revaluation of Bath property values, a process which takes place approximately every ten years in accordance with State guidelines. When the revaluation is completed this fall, letters will go out to Bath residents and business owners stating the updated value of their property. If you attended Heritage Days this year, you'll know that this hasn't prevented Jason from pursuing his personal passion for music, though.

In his spare time, Jason is the bass player for the popular Queen cover band, *The Masterstroke Queen Experience*.

"I'm a lifelong musician," Jason said. "I've been doing [the cover band] with Sean (lead singer) for seven years." When Jason was young, he originally wanted to learn how to play the saxophone, but his music teacher steered him toward the bass guitar instead, which wound up becoming his passion.

The Masterstroke Queen Experience will be playing on October 31 at Port City Music Hall if you want to catch your local Assistant Assessor in action on stage!

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