

TOWN OF THOMASTON MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

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THOMASTON AMBULANCE SERVICE ~ IT'S A GIVING TIME OF YEAR

Thomaston Ambulance Association is going to donate Holiday dinners this year to individual citizens or families in need within the town of Thomaston. Each dinner consists of a turkey or a ham, gravy, potatoes, stuffing, milk, pie, vegetables, cranberry sauce and rolls. Please call 207-354-6345 (leave a message if unavailable). You may choose to write to Town of Thomaston P.O. Box 299 Thomaston, Maine 04861. The only information needed in the message or letter is your contact information, whether you would like ham or turkey, if there any food allergies as well as how many people in your family.

We too are limited on funds, and depending on the amount of responses, we may not be able to provide this to everyone who contacts us. Thank you and have a great Holiday!

TRAK's Thanksgiving Dinner: The Baster has Been Passed!

Judi Farley, with the support, encouragement, and assistance from her friends Ann Robison, Blair Clement, and Janet Dwelley, has come forward and taken the reins for Thanksgiving Dinner in Thomaston from Prudy Netzorg. "Judi is doing a great job getting this dinner organized," Netzorg said. "For our regular diners, you won't notice much different from the dinners of previous years. She is following the same menu and activities, time and location. She is bringing contagious enthusiasm for the dinner. Thomaston's Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be served at 12 noon at The Federated Church on Hyler Street. There will be games, cribbage and the jigsaw puzzle; music; delicious food; and "family."

Reservations aren't required, but if know you're planning to come, please call the Town Office at 354-6107 and give them your name and the number you expect to be in your group so Judi can plan accordingly. And, if you'd like to participate in any way (volunteer to help serve tables, donate a dessert [gluten-free is always looked for, but pies of any type are appreciated greatly], help set up on Wednesday, or anything you think of), please call Judi at 390-1848 and leave a message. She'll get back to you as soon as possible.

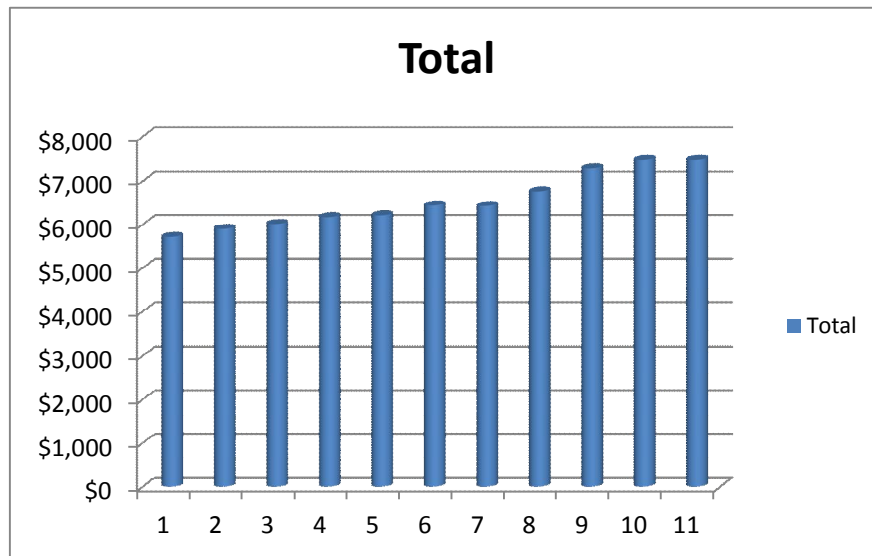
TAX IMPACT

The Thomaston mil rate rose to \$19.40 per \$1,000 of value with this year's commitment from last year's \$18.86, or .72 cents per \$1,000 of value. The .72 cent increase is made up of Municipal .11 cents, Knox County .05 cents and RSU #13 .56 cents per \$1,000 of value.

The Board of Selectpersons reviewed the budget increases over a 10 year period using fiscal year 2006/2007 as a baseline for the compound growth rate. The total annual growth for this period for the entire budget was 2.71%. The three areas broken down into percentages for the compound annual growth is as follows: Municipal 2.23%, Knox County 3.42% and RSU #13 3.04% annually.

<u>CNT</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>In Thousands</u>							
		<u>Town</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>%</u>
0	2007	\$2,543		\$308		\$2,868		\$5,719	
1	2008	\$2,682	5.47%	\$326	5.84%	\$2,892	0.84%	\$5,900	3.17%
2	2009	\$2,670	-0.45%	\$339	3.99%	\$3,004	3.87%	\$6,013	1.91%
3	2010	\$2,723	1.99%	\$363	7.08%	\$3,082	2.60%	\$6,168	2.58%
4	2011	\$2,724	0.04%	\$369	1.65%	\$3,116	1.10%	\$6,209	0.66%
5	2012	\$2,845	4.44%	\$349	-5.42%	\$3,242	4.04%	\$6,436	3.66%
6	2013	\$2,836	-0.32%	\$368	5.44%	\$3,222	-0.62%	\$6,426	-0.15%
7	2014	\$2,989	5.39%	\$374	1.63%	\$3,390	5.21%	\$6,753	5.09%
8	2015	\$3,133	4.82%	\$395	5.61%	\$3,757	10.83%	\$7,285	7.88%
9	2016	\$3,170	1.18%	\$431	9.11%	\$3,870	3.01%	\$7,471	2.55%
10	2017	<u>\$3,170</u>	1.18%	<u>\$431</u>	9.11%	<u>\$3,870</u>	3.01%	<u>\$7,471</u>	2.55%
Compound Growth	Rate		2.23%		3.42%		3.04%		2.71%

2.71% GROWTH



The Municipal mil rate was 6.27 in 2006/2007 and has increased to 6.79 due largely based on the reduction of \$311,029 in state revenue sharing. It was \$450,000 in 2007, \$264,495 in 2008 and further reduced to \$138,971 by 2017. This amount, \$311,029, is therefore an artificial increase to the municipal budget tax commitment as the lost revenue is offset in taxes otherwise the Municipal Budget could be decreased from \$3,259,456 to \$2,948,427 for commitment.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Dog licenses are available at the Town Office for \$6 and are due by December 31, 2017. Please be sure to bring along your rabies certificate. A \$25 late fee applies after January 31, 2018
- **Armistice Day** is commemorated every year on 11 November. **Please be sure to do a fall clean-up at family & friends cemetery sites beforehand.**
- November 11th, 11am there will be a Veterans Wreath Laying Ceremony at the American Legion Hall. Enjoy guest speakers, the Midcoast Community Band and light refreshments.
- TAX BILLS HAVE BEEN MAILED.

Your first tax payment is due December 1, 2017 and the second payment is due June 1, 2018. Please be sure we receive payments by the due dates BEFORE interest starts to accumulate. This is the only tax bill you will receive for the fiscal year 2017/2018.

If you have an outstanding balance from previous year's taxes, any payments will be applied to the oldest tax bill first before paying on the current tax bill.

State Referendum Election is November 7th

Question 1: Citizen Initiative

TITLE: An Act To Allow Slot Machines or a Casino in York County. - [Legislation](#)

Do you want to allow a certain company to operate table games and/or slot machines in York County, subject to state and local approval, with part of the profits going to the specific programs described in the initiative?

Question 2: Citizen Initiative

TITLE: An Act To Enhance Access to Affordable Health Care. - [Legislation](#)

Do you want Maine to expand Medicaid to provide healthcare coverage for qualified adults under age 65 with incomes at or below 138% of the federal poverty level, which in 2017 means \$16,643 for a single person and \$22,412 for a family of two?

Question 3: Bond Issue

TITLE: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Improve Highways, Bridges and Multimodal Facilities and Upgrade Municipal Culverts - [Legislation](#)

Do you favor a \$105,000,000 bond issue for construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities or equipment related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, transit and bicycle and pedestrian trails, to be used to match an estimated \$137,000,000 in federal and other funds, and for the upgrade of municipal culverts at stream crossings?

Question 4: Constitutional Amendment

TITLE: Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reduce Volatility in State Pension Funding Requirements Caused by the Financial Markets - [Legislation](#)

Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to reduce volatility in state pension funding requirements caused by the financial markets by increasing the length of time over which experience losses are amortized from 10 years to 20 years, in line with pension industry standards?

Visit: <http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/upcoming/index.html>

TOWN OFFICE NOTES

The Town Office Front Desk is closed Friday, November 10th to observe Veteran's Day, Saturday November 11th, Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th in observance of Thanksgiving.

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November


MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOURS 8 - 5	HOURS 8 - 5	HOURS 8-5	HOURS 8 - 5	HOURS 8 - 2
30	31	1	2	3
Shellfish Committee 6pm Watts Hall		Comprehensive Plan Committee 6:30pm Watts Hall		
6	ELECTION DAY	8	9	10
	 American Legion Watts Ln 8am-8pm	Comprehensive Plan Committee 6:30pm Watts Hall	Joint Clam Board 6pm Watts Hall	Town Office Closed In Observance of <i>Veteran's Day</i>
13	14	15	16	17
Cemetery Meeting 6pm Board of Selectpersons 7pm Watts Hall	Municipal Facility Cmte 6:30pm New Municipal Facility			
20	21	22	23	24
	Planning Board 6pm Watts Hall	Comprehensive Plan Committee 6:30pm Watts Hall	Town Office Closed In Observance of <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	Town Office Closed
27	28	29	30	1
Board of Selectpersons 7pm Watts Hall	Staff MV Training - Office Closed Assessor & CEO Open Municipal Facility Cmte 6:30pm New Muni Facility Assessors 5pm Knox St Rm			First Tax Payment Due