



TOWN OF THOMASTON MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER



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THOMASTON MUNICIPAL FACILITY PROJECT



Phase I: Work on the potential relocation of the Municipal Offices, Police Department, Recreation Department and the Food Pantry by the Standing Municipal Facilities Committee continues. There have been eight meetings to date and a review of the suitability and desirability of relocating the Fire and Police Departments under a potential **Phase II**. Watch for a late February Public Information Meeting to be held by the Town!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THOMASTON AMBULANCE

- Must be 18 years of age and live or work in an area covered by the department.
- Minimum commitment of time to volunteer and train and no experience required.
- Face new challenges and obstacles while forming new friendships and learning new skills.
- Treat the sick and injured while continuing education.
- Gain personal satisfaction and pride helping others and make a difference!

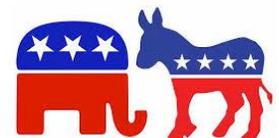
Contact **Rusty Barnard, Ambulance Director at 207-354-6107 ext. 230**

NOMINATION PAPERS AVAILABLE MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018

Nomination papers are available starting **Monday, March 5, 2018** for one Assessor (3-year term), two RSU #13 School Board Members (3-year terms each), and one Thomaston Select Board Member (3-year term). These nomination papers must be filed with the Town Clerk on or before the close of business on **Friday, April 13, 2018** and must contain not less than 25 or more than 100 signatures of registered voters of the Town of Thomaston to be placed on the June ballot. Please stop by the Thomaston Town Office to pick up nomination papers.

SAVE THE DATE - UPCOMING 2018 CAUCUSES

Thomaston **Democratic** 2018 Caucus -When: Sunday, March 4, 2018 - Time: 1 P.M.
Where: Watts Hall, 174 Main Street, Thomaston, Maine



Knox County **Republican** 2018 Caucus: When: Saturday, March 10, 2018 - Time: Speakers begin at 10:00 A.M.
Where: South School - 30 Broadway, Rockland, Maine

THANK YOU FOR REGISTERING YOUR DOGS BEFORE JANUARY 31ST

WHAT DOES THE DOG REGISTRATION FEE GO TOWARDS?

- 🐾 Local Animal Control Officers and State Humane Agents
- 🐾 Investigations of animal cruelty complaints and enforcement of animal welfare laws
- 🐾 Compliance with rabies vaccination of dogs
- 🐾 Return of lost dogs

WHAT TO BRING WHEN OBTAINING A MARRIAGE LICENSE

You must file marriage intentions with the Town Clerk. If you are divorced, you must show current divorce papers or if widow/widower, a certified death certificate. Please bring a photo ID with you. The fee for a marriage license is \$40.00.

NEED A NOTARY FOR YOUR WEDDING?

Visit the Total Notary Solution web site to search for Notaries and Dedimus Justices in Maine:

https://www1.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/notary/search/search_index.pl

WHAT TO BRING WHEN USING THE NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICE

Please make sure you follow the guidelines if you need to have something notarized:

- Bring a photo ID with you.
- Always sign the document in front of the Notary.
- Try not to leave any blank spaces on the document.
- Crimping Seals are not required in the State of Maine.



ATV & SNOWMOBILE REGISTRATIONS ARE AVAILABLE NOW

Maine residents **renewing** an ATV or snowmobile registration can renew online at:

https://moses.informe.org/online/atv_snow/index.htm or at the Thomaston Town Office. Non-residents may register renewals and new ATVs and snowmobiles online.

Maine residents registering ATVs or snowmobiles for the first time must complete the registration in person through the Thomaston Town Office or the IF&W main office in Augusta.

- Please bring in your most recent snowmobile/ATV registration for renewals. To renew your snowmobile registration, you will need to pay a \$45 state registration fee and a \$1 agent fee. ATV's are \$33 plus a \$1 Agent fee to re-register.
- To register a snowmobile/ATV purchased through a private sale for the first time, you will need to bring in a bill of sale (the bill of sale should include the sellers name and address, the buyers name and address, the serial #, make, year and purchase price). A 5.5% Maine sales tax will be collected based on the purchase price on the bill of sale.
- To register a snowmobile/ATV purchased through a Maine dealer for the first time, you will need a receipt or bill of sale from the dealer, indicating sales tax was paid.

HOW DO I CHANGE THE WAY I RECEIVE THE TOWN NEWSLETTER?

- Visit: <http://www.town.thomaston.me.us/public/index.php/news/newsletters/newsletter-sign-up> to change your newsletter preference

COMING SOON! – ONLINE BOAT REGISTRATION RENEWAL SERVICE

Coming soon in February, Thomaston Residents can renew their boat registration in the Online Boat Registration Renewal Service through InforME and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The service is available 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Customers can use Visa, MasterCard, or Discover securely and safely through InforME to renew their boat registrations. Once you pay for your boat registration online, you can print out a temporary license. Inland Fisheries will mail you the regular license within 10 business days.

What do I need to register online?

- Registrant Information
- Boat Information, including Serial Number or Registration Number
- Credit/debit card (MasterCard, Visa & Discover)
- A printer, if you wish to print a copy of your temporary registration

Register online at : <https://www5.informe.org/online/boat/> or stop by Thomaston Town Office to renew your boat.

LOST YOUR VEHICLE REGISTRATION?

Did you know that you can obtain a duplicate vehicle registration online? Save waiting in line at Bureau of Motor Vehicle or your Town Office. It's easy and simple to use. Who can use this service? Anyone who holds a current, active Maine vehicle registration, registrations that are more than 7 days from expiration, and registrants who do not have an SR-22 insurance filing requirement. All that's required is your plate number, name of your business, or the last name and date of birth of the registrant, and a printer.

Visit: <https://www1.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/bmv/drrnew/index.pl>.

CHECK YOUR MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATE STICKER

Be sure you have renewed your registration. A 2018 sticker is blue and a 2019 sticker is orange. Any other color has expired.

I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT MY ANCESTORS. WHERE DO I FIND INFORMATION?



Depending on what kind of information you're looking for, there are numerous methods available to you. It is often easier to start your research on a genealogical website or, if you are not comfortable doing internet research, there may be a genealogical library or a local historical society that can assist and point you in the right direction. (Free websites are www.familysearch.org or <https://ldsgenealogy.com/index.htm>) To find specific answers, you'll need specific questions, so it's better to start locally and work your way out. Some genealogical websites require you to pay for a subscription, but not all do. Your local town library may also be able to help you figure out the best way to start.

At the **Thomaston Historical Society**, there are extensive archives for research of local families, events and businesses, war records, many photographs and paintings, maps and memorabilia dating back to the Colonial era. The museum is open in the summer on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 2 and 4 P.M. and on Saturdays between 1 and 3 P.M. They are also open by appointment throughout the year. To make an appointment please call either (207) 354-4121 or (207) 354-2314. To leave a message or to speak with someone during museum hours, please call (207) 354-2295. Admission to the museum is free and there is always someone in attendance to answer your questions and show you around the facility.

Visit: <http://thomastonhistoricalsociety.com> for more information.

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February



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOURS 8-5	HOURS 8-5	HOURS 8-5	HOURS 8-5	HOURS 8-2
29-Jan	30-Jan	31-Jan	1	2
Select Board 7:00 PM Watts Hall				
5	6	7	8	9
Fire Dept. Meeting 7:00 PM Fire Sta	Ambulance Dept. Meeting 7:00 PM Fire Sta			
12	13	14	15	16
Select Board 7:00 PM Watts Hall	Conservation Comm 6:00 PM Treatment Plant		Solid Waste Committee 7:00 PM Owls Head	
19	20	21	22	23
TOWN OFFICE CLOSED 	Planning Board 6:00 PM Watts Hall			
26	27	28	1-Mar	2-Mar
Select Board 7:00 PM Watts Hall	Board of Assessors 5:00 PM Knox St Conference			

ALL MEETINGS LISTED ABOVE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND MAY BE CANCELLED IF THERE IS NO BUSINESS
For up to date notification of meeting schedules and agendas sign up to receive the newsletter by email