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THOMASTON'S ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

THEME: Learning: It's a Lifelong Journey

The Thomaston 4th of July Committee has chosen "Learning, it's a Lifelong Journey!" as the theme for the 2018 parade. It has been reported that the committee had a hard time choosing among "Learning is a Blast!"; "You can never be overdressed or over-educated," a quote from Oscar Wilde; and "Learning, it's a Lifelong Journey!"

Prizes will be awarded to floats in the categories, "most imaginative," "most humorous," "most like the theme," and "best overall. Please contact info@thomaston4thofjuly.com for more information.



Thomaston residents, Paul and Beth Chamberlin have been chosen by the 4th of July committee to be grand marshals of the 2018 Thomaston 4th of July parade. They have been involved in the festivities since the early 1980s, when they operated the cotton candy machine for Laurel Weaver and Lucy Mayo. They also enjoy the street float competition, the fun run and the pancake breakfast, hosted by the Masons.

Photo courtesy of Village Soup.

2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7:00 AM	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:30 AM	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	9:15 AM
Pancake Breakfast (Masonic Temple on Main St)	5K Firecracker Race Same Day Sign Up (Beechwood St & Main St) *Kids One Mile Fun Race (Beechwood St)	One Mile Fun Race Starts (Beechwood St)	Parade Staging (Dwight St)	Craft Tent Opens	Pet Show - Bring your Pets (Lura Libby Building)
11:00 AM	NOON	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	9:15 PM
Fourth of July Parade (Main St - from Erin St to Booker St)	*Opening Ceremony (Following Parade) *Booths Open *Chicken BBQ Feast *Bouncy Houses *Face Painting (All Behind the Block)	Band Blind Albert (Behind the Block) 	Cod Adams Memorial Horseshoe Tournament (Lura Libby Campus Fields)	Band Mid Life Crisis (Behind the Block) 	Fireworks Display (Behind the Block) 

CEMETERY CLEANING/REPAIR WORKSHOP –SPACE IS LIMITED

Learn from expert, Joe Ferrannini, how to properly and safely clean cemetery stones while helping in the Thomaston Village Cemetery off Erin Street. You may take the entire 4 day workshop, or just join in for 1-2 days. Space is limited. Can't come, but want to help – adopt a stone!

Dates: July 27th -30th **Where:** Village Cemetery **Cost:** Donation, minimum \$30 per day

Email: info@ThomastonHistoricalSociety.com to register or to find out more information.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS:

On June 12, 2018 Thomaston voters elected one Select Board Member, one Board of Assessor Member and one RSU #13 School Board Member write-in:

Hamlin, Gregory	3-Year Select Board	170 votes
St. Clair, Beverly	3-Year Select Board	342 votes
Lammert, Peter R.	3-Year Board of Assessors	452 votes
Williams Beers, Amy	3-Year RSU #13 School Board	16 write-in votes

Please visit the Town web site at <http://www.town.thomaston.me.us/public/> for all of Thomaston's State Primary Results.

On June 13, 2018 the Annual Town Meeting resumed at 7:00 P.M. at the American Legion Hall. Voters acted on Articles 3-39 and Addendum Articles 40-42. All articles passed with the exceptions of Articles 27, 37, and 39.

NEW! DASH BUS SERVICE

Called DASH, this shuttle bus is not unlike the trolley system that operated in the area generations ago. Starting at 7 am, with the last bus returning at 4:50 pm, Monday through Friday, the shiny red buses run hourly except at noon, making scheduled stops in a continuous loop from the Walmart parking lot in Thomaston to Penobscot Bay Medical Center in Rockport for \$2 per boarding or \$5 for a day pass. Other ride discounts are available. Buses have a lift for wheelchairs.

The DASH bus service can be reached at 338-4769, or midcoastpublictransportation.org

YARD WORK SAFETY TIPS

- **Know your equipment.** Before operating a new lawn mower or weed trimmer, read the owner's manual.
- **Practice Ladder Safety.** You've heard it again and again, but always check to make sure your ladder is firmly set on a level surface. Never set ladders on boxes or other objects to make the ladder reach higher areas.
- **Watch your children.** Keep small children inside while you're mowing or trimming. At a minimum, do not allow children younger than 12 to operate a push lawn mower.
- **Check your extension cords.** Before use, check your extension cords for cracks and seal them with electrical tape. If you find any frayed wires, replace the cord. Never run extension cords through puddles.
- **Protect your body.** Wear protective gear. We all know that lawnmowers hit rocks, sticks and other items that can be turned into flying projectiles. Wear long pants to protect your legs from flying objects and wear non-slip, closed toe shoes. Don't forget your eyes and ears! Sunglasses will protect you from the sun's rays and earplugs can eliminate loud noises that may harm your hearing.
- **Gutters and downspouts:** Pull leaves and debris from gutters and downspouts. Reattach gutters that have pulled away from the house. If leaks exist, dry the area and use caulking or epoxy to seal the leak.

HOME MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

- **Siding:** Clean siding with a pressure washer to keep mold from growing. Check all wood surfaces. If wood is showing through, scrape if needed, then sand the area and apply a primer coat before painting.
- **Exterior caulking:** Inspect caulking. Scrape out the eroding caulk and re-caulk needed area.
- **Window sills, door sills, and thresholds:** Fill cracks, caulk edges, sand, prime and repaint or replace as necessary.
- **Window and door screens:** Clean screening and check for holes. Patch holes or replace the screen. Save bad screening to patch holes next year. Tighten or repair any loose or damaged screen frames. Replace broken, worn, or missing hardware. Tighten and lubricate door hinges and closers.
- **Roof:** Inspect (or have someone inspect) roof surface flashing, eaves, and soffits. Perform a thorough cleaning. Check flashings around all surface projections and sidewalls.
- **Deck and porches:** Check all decks, patios, porches, stairs, and railings for loose materials and deterioration. Open decks and wood fences need to be treated every 4-6 years, depending on how much exposure they get to sun, snow and rain. If the stain doesn't look like it should or water has turned some of the wood a gray, it could be time to have that area treated.
- **Landscape:** Cut back and trim all vegetation and overgrown bushes away from all structures.



STEPS TO PREVENT TICK BITES

- **Wear light-colored clothing** so you can see ticks more easily.
- **Tuck your pant legs into your socks and your shirt into your pants** when walking in woods, brush, or tall grass. Deer ticks attach to clothing and then walk upward.
- **Use a tick repellent that contains 20%-40% DEET or Picaradin on skin and clothing.** The American Academy of Pediatrics states that DEET is safe for children, but recommends that lower concentrations (10%) be used, and applied by an adult. Be aware that DEET will dissolve plastics and varnish.
- **OR pre-treat your clothing** with a product that contains permethrin, which both repels and kills ticks and remains effective through several wash cycles. They should be sprayed on clothing only (not skin). Outdoor clothing stores sell pre-treated tick-repellent clothing which remains effective through 70 wash cycles (the life of the garment).
- **Protect your pets** by using tick repellents, acaricides and Lyme vaccines for dogs **as recommended by your vet.**
- **Do the Tick Check whenever you've been outdoors!** Inspect yourself and your pets after being outdoors. Ticks often attach in body folds, behind knees, ears, in the pelvic region and on scalps. Showering removes unattached ticks, but not attached ticks.



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 COMMUNITY PLAYERS**

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WATTSPIRATES.EVENTBRITE.COM

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Athens Pizzeria, Thomaston

The Grasshopper Shop, Rockland

State of Maine Cheese Company, Rockport

\$12 IN ADVANCE or \$15 AT THE DOOR



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOURS 8 - 5	HOURS 8 - 5	HOURS 8-5	HOURS 8 - 5	HOURS 8 - 2
2	3	4	5	6
Shellfish Committee 6:30 PM Lura Libby		JULY 4th CELEBRATION TOWN OFFICE CLOSED		<i>The Pirates of Penzance</i> Watts Hall 7 PM (also 7/7)
9	10	11	12	13
Cemetery Committee 6 PM Select Board 7 PM Watts Hall			Joint Clam Board 6:00 PM Watts Hall	
16	17	18	19	20
	Planning Board 6:00 PM Watts Hall	Comprehensive Plan 6:30 PM Watts Hall		
23	24	25	26	27
Select Board 7 PM 7:00 PM Watts Hall	Board of Assessors 5:00 PM Town Office		Solid Waste Committee 7:00 PM OH Town Office	
30	31	1-Aug	2-Aug	3-Aug

ALL MEETINGS LISTED ABOVE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND MAY BE CANCELLED IF THERE IS NO BUSINESS