



# The Rockport Resource

March 2024

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## Presidential Primary Election News

*By: Liz Lowe, Town Clerk*

On Tuesday, March 5, 2024, the Presidential Primary will be held at the [Rockport Public Library](#) from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. **PLEASE NOTE NEW LOCATION!!!**

Effective January 1, 2024, Maine transitioned from a closed primary to a semi-open primary. This means that Unenrolled voters are now able to participate in primaries including the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary and the June 11, 2024 State Primary.

1. Unenrolled Voters – Voters who are not enrolled in a party may choose to vote one party ballot (Democratic or Republican for March).
2. Voters enrolled in a party – may vote in that party’s primary.

The Democratic and Republican parties are the only parties that will hold primaries on March 5th. The Green Independent, Libertarian, and No Labels parties did not choose to hold primaries.

The chart below illustrates the ballot options for the Presidential Primary based on voter enrollment:

<b>Voter Enrollment Status</b>	<b>Ballot Options</b>
Unenrolled	May select either a Democratic or Republican ballot.
Democratic	Enrolled as a Democrat – must receive Democratic ballot.
Green Independent	No ballot selection – Party not participating in Primary.
Libertarian	No ballot selection – Party not participating in Primary.
No Labels	No ballot selection – Party not participating in Primary.
Republican	Enrolled as a Republican – must receive Republican ballot.

Voters that wish to withdraw enrollment or change enrollment to a different party must do so at least 15 days before the election. The deadline to withdraw enrollment or change enrollment and still be eligible to vote in the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primaries is Friday, February 16th.

You may vote in person at the Rockport Public Library on March 5th or by Absentee Ballot at the Rockport Town Office from February 5th until the 29th. We are open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday – Friday.

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### June Elections:

Nomination papers are available on March 1st for the following elected positions for the Town two for Select Board, two for Library Committee, five for the Budget Committee and one for the School Board.

**State of Maine Sample Ballot  
Democratic Presidential Primary Election  
March 5, 2024**

To vote, fill in the oval like this ●

To rank your candidate choices, fill in the oval:

- In the 1st column for your 1st choice candidate.
- In the 2nd column for your 2nd choice candidate, and so on.

Continue until you have ranked as many or as few candidates as you like. Fill in only one oval in each column (ranking).

To rank a Write-in candidate, write the person's name in the Write-in space and fill in the oval for the ranking of your choice.

To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choices. If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

President of the U.S.	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
Biden, Joseph R., Jr.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Phillips, Dean B.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Write-in	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**You Have Completed Voting**

**State of Maine Sample Ballot  
Republican Presidential Primary Election  
March 5, 2024**

To vote, fill in the oval like this 

To rank your candidate choices, fill in the oval:

- In the 1st column for your 1st choice candidate.
- In the 2nd column for your 2nd choice candidate, and so on.

Continue until you have ranked as many or as few candidates as you like. Fill in only one oval in each column (ranking).

To rank a Write-in candidate, write the person's name in the Write-in space and fill in the oval for the ranking of your choice.

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President of the U.S.	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice	6th Choice
Binkley, Ryan L.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
DeSantis, Ron	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Haley, Nikki R.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ramaswamy, Vivek G.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trump, Donald J.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Write-in	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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## Planning, Community Development & Code Enforcement

*By: Orion Thomas, Director*

### Wastewater Resource and Recovery Facility (WRRF):

As we discussed in the last Rockport Resource, the WRRF Task Force worked with Woodard & Curran, the Town's wastewater engineer, to develop a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) to evaluate potential locations and technologies for building a wastewater treatment plant within the Town of Rockport. That report was delivered on schedule at the end of January, and by the time this is published, the Task Force will have presented the findings to the Select Board during their regular monthly meeting on February 12, 2024. A copy of the PER and the presentation to the Select Board is available on the town website.

Initially, we had asked for an evaluation of three locations, Cramer Park, the Town's Public Works property, and Glen Cove Park. During the evaluation, use of the Pen Bay Medical Center (PBMC) property also became a viable option. The hospital previously treated their sanitary wastewater for discharge to Glen Cove (decades ago), and that same area is currently used by the hospital to collect their wastewater for daily storage prior to discharging to the Rockland wastewater treatment plant, beginning at 10 p.m. each evening (that timing is dictated by Rockland). During multiple discussions with hospital management, they are very open to the concept, as it would allow them to discontinue their daily storage and pumping operations. The footprint of a new WRRF would easily fit within the confines of the aerial limits of the existing system at the hospital.

As part of the evaluation process, the Task Force met with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) in Augusta to discuss the discharge permit and with Maine Water to gain a better understanding of their treatment technology, as they are interested in using Rockport's proposed plant to discharge limited amounts of their wastewater generated at the Mirror Lake facility as part of their potable water treatment process. We also toured three existing wastewater treatment systems to gain a better understanding of the three technologies that were being considered for Rockport's WRRF.

The PER included cost estimates for each location and technology that was considered, as well as a feasibility analysis of the various risks associated with each scenario.

The Task Force is currently investigating several risk and cost factors that will further inform our findings, which we plan to present to Rockport's residents for review and public comment during **two open meetings at the Opera House, the first on March 6th at 6:30 p.m. and the second on March 7th at 3p.m.**

We strongly encourage all residents to participate in helping us finalize a recommendation to the Select Board.

WRRF Task Force  
Bill Bow (Chair)  
Samuel Clark (Vice-Chair)  
Bob Kollmar

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# INFORMATION FOR THE WRRF AND ROUTE 90 EXTENSION

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## **Background**

In the 1980s, the Town of Rockport addressed a serious environmental issue. Many homes and businesses were discharging their sewage directly into Penobscot Bay, both into Rockport Harbor and into Clam Cove. Under state and federal mandates, the Town constructed a wastewater collection system (the sewer) in two parts - one to service Rockport Village and surrounding areas, and another to service the Glen Cove portion of Town. Agreements were secured with Camden (1990 – for the Village system) and Rockland (1992 – for the Glen Cove system) to send the collected wastewater to their treatment plants, which meant that Rockport did not have to construct its own treatment plant.

As of 2022, both 30-year wastewater treatment contracts with Rockland and Camden had expired. While Rockland has indicated an interest in extending its agreement, Camden provided written notification in March 2023 that Rockport is to disconnect from their treatment system as of March 2026. Moreover, Rockport will not be provided any additional treatment capacity from Camden beyond our current flow volume (roughly 65,000 gallons per day).

In April 2023, the Select Board appointed a Task Force comprised of Rockport residents with varying degrees of related technical and project expertise for the purpose of evaluating whether the Town should build its own wastewater treatment facility, commonly known as a Water Resource and Recovery Facility (WRRF). The WRRF Task Force worked directly with our wastewater engineering firm (Woodard & Curran) to evaluate potential locations and treatment technologies for the WRRF, as well as develop a feasibility and risk analysis for each of the options.

On February 12, 2024, the Task Force presented a summary of the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) developed by Woodard & Curran to the Select Board. That presentation, along with the PER, were posted the Town's website.

The Task Force will be hosting public meetings at the Rockport Opera House on March 6<sup>th</sup> (3:00pm) and March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (6:30pm) to discuss the PER findings in an open forum, during which public comment and input is both welcome and encouraged.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **What locations and technologies were evaluated in the PER?**

The four locations evaluated were Cramer Park, the Public Works property along Rte. 1, Pen Bay Medical Center (PBMC), and Glen Cove Park. Technologies considered were Membrane Bioreactor (MBR), Submerged Activated Growth Bioreactor (SAGB), and Conventional Activated Sludge (CAS). Estimates of probable cost, as well as an evaluation of feasibility and risk were also developed for each option.

### **Did the PER provide any specific recommendations?**

No, the Task Force felt strongly that its final recommendations to the Select Board should be developed only after the PER and related information is provided to Rockport's residents at the Public Meetings scheduled for March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. The Task Force will then incorporate public input and comments into its final recommendations to the Select Board, which are expected to be presented during the monthly meeting on March 11, 2024.

### **How much will the project cost?**

The cost estimates for the WRRF itself range from \$20.5M to \$29M, depending on the location and the technology selected. Including the estimated cost of extending the existing sewer line beyond the high school along Route 90 out to Route 17 (\$9M), the total project cost ranges from \$29.5M to \$38M. These costs will be presented during the public meetings on March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Can you summarize the project economics?**

Depending upon where the WRRF is located and whether the Route 90 extension is included (a critical consideration), the project economics show that sewer charges for each Rockport household will be roughly the same as the current cost each year to saving as much as \$1,000 annually (after 10 years) under a best-case scenario related to affordable housing development on Route 90 close to Route 17. This is because our current wastewater user rate is about 40% higher than it would be if we owned and operated our own treatment plant. So, increases in the debt cost for the new WRRF (and the Route 90 extension) are significantly offset by the reduction in user rate fees, as well as the inclusion of new users on Route 90. This will be explained more fully in the Public Meetings.

### **What are the benefits to the town for this project?**

Building the WRRF and the accompanying Route 90 extension ensures that Rockport is

able to treat its wastewater at a lower cost than sending it to our surrounding towns over the long term, as well as having the additional sewer capacity we need to grow our community and tax base. Moreover, our lack of cost and capacity control has led to high sewer rates relative to our neighbors, which is a competitive disadvantage regarding residential and commercial development. Finally, in 2013 we received a Notice of Violation from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) regarding the water quality in Rockport Harbor due to elevated concentrations of bacteria and the presence of pharmaceuticals and personal care products as "indicator" compounds (*i.e.*, showing a human source). Over the longer term, reducing septic system use through expanding the public sewer will have a material benefit to our overall water quality, including a reduction in septic system impacts to Rockport Harbor, thus not only benefiting the water quality of arguably our most important natural resource, but also reducing our potential financial exposure to costly enforcement actions from USEPA or the State of Maine.

### **Why should this project go forward now?**

Aside from the overall cost reduction for public sewer users, the ability to increase the town's tax base through additional affordable housing out Route 90, and the long-term environmental benefits to Rockport Harbor, Camden is requiring that Rockport disconnect from their system by March 2026. Because this is a 4-to-6-year construction project, we will need to negotiate an extension to that deadline, so time is of the essence.

### **How will the project be paid for?**

The project will be paid for by user fees from households and businesses who are connected to the public sewer, as well as debt service payments from those residences and businesses who are located along the sewer line, in accordance with the Town Sewer Ordinance.

### **What are the next steps?**

The Task Force will present its recommendations to the Select Board at their March meeting, and when they will consider whether to put approval of the WRRF and the Route 90 Extension on the June ballot.

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## Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Update

*By: Jason Peasley, Fire Chief*

Protecting the citizens of Rockport, their families, friends, and those visiting our community is of the utmost importance to our Fire Department. Ensuring ambulances arrive in a safe and timely manner, with properly trained, highly professional providers to assist in a time of need, and working daily with community outreach is our focus in serving Rockport.

For several years the discussion of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) coverage in Rockport has taken place each budget year cycle and discussed within the Fire Department and what the Town's need for EMS protection is. A study was conducted in 2019 in conjunction with the Town of Camden and Pen Bay Medical Center that supported a move toward municipally based EMS services working together in our region. With our current provider's contract and pricing continuously increasing (including a proposal to double our current costs this July), no improvements in the service delivered to Rockport residents, and our Town having little control over this coverage (including the employees and response times), we have hit the point where we need to make a change.

In the spirit of the previous study, we have been working with experienced paramedics throughout our area to build a solid team to prepare for tackling greater EMS needs in the years to come. Our team has compiled EMS department policies and procedures, Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's), engaged a medical director from Pen Bay Medical Center, engaged an EMS quality assurance/quality improvement representative, signed a pharmacy agreement with PBMC, drafted job descriptions and mutual aid agreements, and finally, we obtained our EMS First Responder License on January 23, 2024. Rockport is not yet prepared to provide first responder services, but gaining this license is the first step the Town must take to pursue in becoming a transporting EMS service.

On February 5th, an EMS workshop with the Select Board was held at the Rockport Library and a video of this workshop is available on the Town of Rockport YouTube channel for those who wish to learn more. Members of the Select Board heard from Ellsworth Fire Chief, Scott Guillerault, who is in the process of moving from a for-profit EMS provider to municipality-based EMS. In addition, the Board heard from Rockport residents and our department's EMS Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement representative Joseph Moore, and Medical Director, Dr. Mark McAllister, explaining their experiences with EMS service.

Additionally, the workshop focused on the benefits and costs of operating Rockport's own municipally based EMS services compared to contracting with a for-profit organization. By completing this change, our citizens will see improvements with response times, equipment, trained EMS providers, and more community outreach.

Over the nine plus years North East Mobile Health Services (NEMHS) has covered Rockport and our surrounding communities. We have seen significant changes in their business model, staffing levels and response times which are cause of deep concern for emergencies in Rockport. We need to make the conscious decision to take 100% control of this service. Over this time frame it's become clear EMS service is too important of a job for our Town to tackle through a contract. At the Select Board's meeting on February 12th, the Board voted unanimously to include a draft EMS budget in its consideration of the municipal budget in March.

Should the Board adopt this budget as proposed, the voters will decide on the future of municipally based EMS in Rockport at the polls in June. If the voters of Rockport believe in this department, its people, and the service we will provide, we would begin the process of hiring staff in July, with a tentative full-time start somewhere near the middle of September/October, coinciding with the opening of the new West Rockport Fire Station. We would ask to work with NEMHS until our staffing levels can properly cover Rockport full-time, near January 2025, when we will take over sole coverage of our town.

It is extremely important that if anyone has any questions, comments or even concerns, please reach out directly to me at the fire station anytime to talk and discuss this very important change we need for our Town.



## Rockport Police Department

*By: Randy Gagne, Police Chief*

With winter behind us we all look forward to spring. Warmer temperatures and longer days will get everyone out of hibernation. Activities such as walking and biking will have us all sharing the roads once again, so we ask everyone to look out for one another. Moving into spring you can expect to see our officers out in force working to reduce speed and other motor vehicle violations. Take the time to look at your registration, and inspections stickers to make sure they are valid.

Studded snow tires must be removed from your vehicle by May 1st.

Camden & Rockport Police Departments are the recipients of some additional grant funding from the Mid-coast Council of Governments in the amount of \$7500.00. This funding was used to purchase two 18-inch digital radar speed signs that also have speed and volume study capabilities. These mobile boards will be used by both departments in problem speed areas and areas needing speed data recording.

Officer Celjeta Bixhaku is currently working towards becoming a "Drug Recognition Expert" or "DRE." With this training Officer Bixhaku will be able to detect drug impaired drivers which are becoming more of a problem on our roads. Once completely trained she will not only provide this service to Camden Rockport but will collaborate with partner agencies that need assistance. Everyone working together will undoubtedly make our roads safer.

Like most agencies across America, Rockport Police Department has had recruitment and retention of officer issues. Rockport has remained fully staffed, but the last year has been a challenge. One veteran officer left last spring, creating a vacancy in the five officer department. Covering 24/7/365 is challenging enough when fully staffed. With one vacancy, the workload shifts to the remaining staff. We were able to hire an officer who had no law enforcement experience. The staff worked extremely hard with the officer to get them through field training and prepared for the Academy in January. A week prior to the start of the Academy the Officer resigned from the position. Our officers have stepped up once again and are covering the increased workload. We are currently taking applications and hoping to establish a roster of potential candidates. If you have ever thought about being a police officer, the time is here. Please contact us for an application.

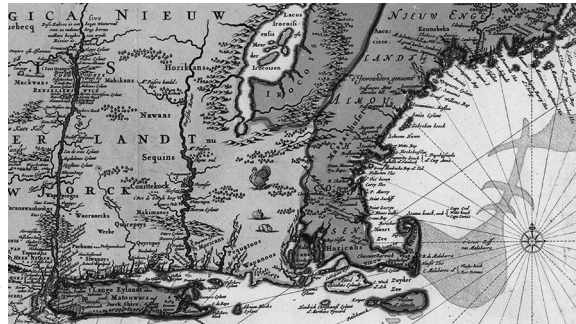
Budget preparation is well underway for 2025. Last year, due to the Towns priority to adjust wages, the department deferred purchase of a few items such as a police cruiser, radar units, body, and cruiser cameras, and partnering with Camden & Rockland for a Community Response Officer to assist the department with mental health and quality of life issues. Deferring equipment purchases and delaying contracted services only pushes necessary projects off to a later date. Sometimes it must be done, and we accept that as part of doing business. It does, however, reflect in higher future projected budgets which you will see in the department's proposal for 2025. In the proposed budget we will be requesting: a new police cruiser to replace our Dodge Charger; a technology package which will merge our tasers, cruiser cameras, and body worn cameras; new radar units; and a contracted service shared with Camden and Rockland, for a Community Response officer with the Volunteers of America. With a contracted wage increase, purchase of deferred equipment, and added contract services, the departments request will see a significant increase in our request.

We do appreciate the opportunity to discuss our proposal with the budget committee and Select Board.

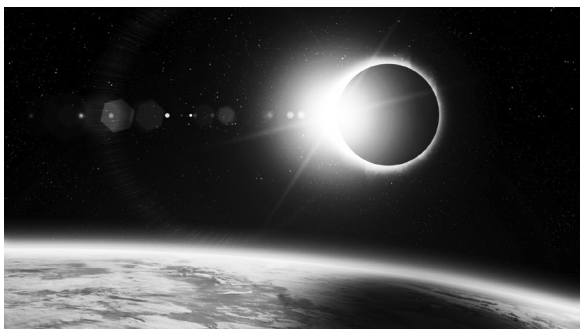
## Rockport Public Library Events

"Whose Land? Decolonizing Settler Maps of Maine"  
March 6 at 6:00 p.m.

Maps record information about our world: locations of towns, geographic features, or points of interest. When viewed through a historical lens, maps also record how perceptions of a place can change over time or challenge assumptions, past and present. All maps have a story to tell. In this program, presented in partnership with Maine Maritime Museum, participants will examine 18th & 19th century maps and primary sources to think critically about how a place and its history is recorded, remembered, or erased.



"All About Eclipses"  
March 30 at 1:00 p.m.



Mark Van Baalen, Ph.D. will discuss why solar and lunar eclipses occur; why we do not see one every month; where to view these events in Maine and elsewhere; how to safely view a solar eclipse to avoid eye damage; and fateful eclipses in history. Van Baalen has degrees in Astronomy and Geology from Harvard, and is a veteran of 15 solar eclipses and many lunar eclipses.

He resides in Rockport and is Past Commodore of the Rockport Boat Club.

"Rockport Library Seed Swap"  
April 10 at 6 p.m.

Join Rockport resident and MOFGA member, Charlie Costello, and other seed advocates for what we hope will become an annual event.

Bring your seeds and be ready to swap, or come to learn more and get some seeds to start for the summer and fall seasons. Vegetables, flowers, native plants, and more.

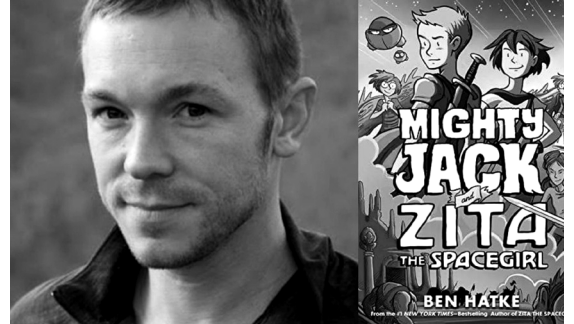




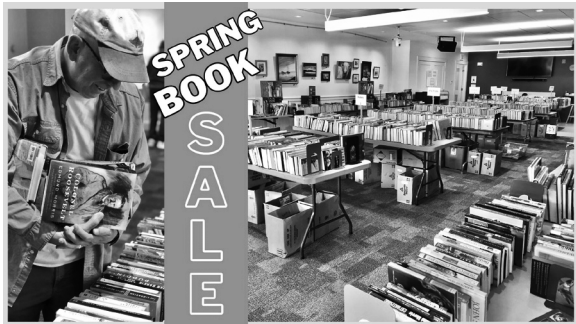
## Rockport Public Library Events

"Special Event with New York Times Bestselling Author/  
Illustrator Ben Hatke:  
The Three Secrets of Visual Storytelling"  
April 13 at 11:00 a.m.

Ben Hatke is the author and illustrator of the New York Times bestselling graphic novel Zita the Spacegirl trilogy. He also is the author of the picture books Julia's House for Lost Creatures and Nobody Likes a Goblin; the graphic novels Little Robot and Mighty Jack; and his newest series, Things in the Basement. Hatke's special presentation at the Rockport Library will be comic-centered — a way for kids to see his process for creating graphic novels and learn how to apply these ideas to their own stories. Space is limited and families must call the library at 207-236-3642 to register.



"Friends of the Rockport Public Library's Spring Book Sale"  
April 19 and 20, from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

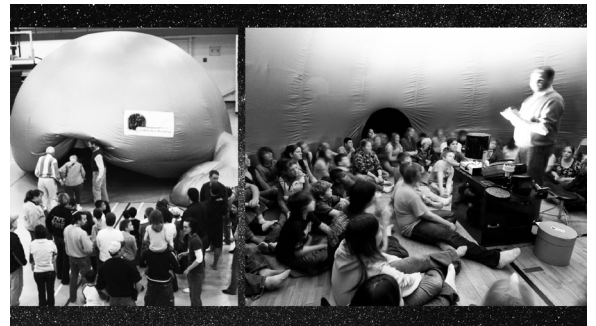


The lower level of the Rockport Library will be filled with thousands of gently used books, DVDs, CDs, and puzzles appealing to every age and taste. It's the perfect time of year to stock up on gardening and landscaping guides! There is always a fascinating selection of Maine-themed books, biographies, history books, and "specials." Only cash or checks can be accepted.

Proceeds from the book sale will benefit the Rockport Library.

"Northern Stars Planetarium Presents: The Wonderful Sky"  
May 22, three late afternoon/evenings shows  
(check with library on times)

The Rockport Library will host the Northern Stars Planetarium Super Dome inside the Rockport Opera House for three shows especially designed for families. The program takes a look at the seasonal night sky as seen with the unaided eye. Stars, constellations, visible planets, meteors, the Moon, and northern lights are all likely to be discussed.



(Ideal for grades 1 - 6). Space will be limited for each show.

Please call the library at 207-236-3642 to register.

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## Public Works Department

*By: Mike Young, Director*

During the winter months, Public Works worked on brush cutting along Main Street, and will continue to work on this into the spring. Additionally, we will continue to focus on more brush cutting throughout town as well, to help keep roadsides and intersections vegetation free and visible. Main Street, from Route 1 to Simonton Corner, will be prepped for a large-scale paving project pending the 2024/2025 budget, and will undergo ditching and new irrigation for storm water runoff.

After almost two years of painstakingly working with FEMA (huge “thank you” to Megan in our Finance Department for everything she did!) the Robinson Drive culvert replacement should be underway this year, expected to start in July. In preparation, Public Works will be brush cutting and prepping the area for the large scope of work that is anticipated.

As the frost leaves the ground and the snow melts, we will have crews out trying to do as much spring clean up as possible. Roadside washouts and potholes are two of the most common things we will encounter, and will try to keep up on them as we can. If you encounter something that requires our attention, please call the garage at (207) 236-6245 and report it. We do our best to keep up, however with everyone’s help, we will be able to address these items more quickly.

For 2024 and moving forward, we will be utilizing the Town’s Civic Ready platform more frequently to report road work and possible closures. The Town has been utilizing it in the past, however we encourage everyone to sign up to receive texts or emails pertaining to roadwork to keep up to date with our work and how it could affect you and your travels.

## Harbor

*By: Abbie Leonard, Harbormaster*

Greetings from Rockport Harbor. I hope you have had a healthy and enjoyable winter; I am looking forward to warm weather and boating season. Some things to remember as we get closer:

- Harbor bills are due by May 1st. Bills have been sent by email only this year. If you have not seen your bill in your inbox or if you need assistance in completing the billing process online, please reach out to me.
- For those who store a kayak on the racks, please note that your kayak(s) may return to the rack on May 1st and may occupy your assigned spot until November 15th, when they will have to be removed for the winter. This season I am going to be issuing stickers to be placed in a visible (when stored on the rack) location on your boat(s). This will help ensure that everyone is in their rightful spot and will help us contact you in case there are any issues on or off the water. Please stop by the office for a sticker before you put your boat back on the rack.
- Floats will go in as soon as we can. The fisherman’s floats will be in as soon the snow melts and we get a good weather window with the recreational floats following.
- Some things to look forward to and put on your radar:
  - Newly renovated restrooms at the Harbor.
  - The Donut Festival, June 7th, and 8th, 2024
  - Summer Concerts on select Sundays- stay tuned for details.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns and I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

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## National Toboggan Races:

National Toboggan races were on Saturday, February 3rd and we held our annual competition with the Town of Camden.

I am pleased to announce that we brought home the trophy third year in a row!

Many thanks to our team Megan Brackett, Abbie Leonard, Michael Thompson and Michelle Hannan.

Many thanks to our sled donor:  
Team B.O.L.T.

We look forward to next year!



## Assessing

*By: Kerry Leichtman, Assessor*

As you may recall, we contracted with KRT Appraisal to conduct a full measure and list revaluation of residential and commercial properties. Revaluation activities will be starting soon. This revaluation will set values as of April 1, 2025.

A full measure and list is different from the statistical updates we've done the past few years. The last time we did a full measure and list revaluation was 2005. In a measure and list reevaluation, we visit each property to make sure our records are correct by measuring each building and conducting a very brief interior inspection.

The prices paid for real estate during the time period of April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025 will be studied to establish property values.

The person who will be visiting Rockport properties is Daniel Bourkas. Dan is a Rockport resident. His work will begin very soon.

We will do everything possible to keep you informed and will be creating a website dedicated to providing information as the revaluation progresses and to make the revaluation and assessing process transparent. The website will attempt to anticipate your questions and concerns.

Any and all suggestions, ideas, and questions from you will be gratefully received.



## Taxes are due April 16, 2024

Cash, Check or Credit Card Payments are accepted. Please be aware, the Credit Card Company charges a 2.5% fee if you are using a credit card.

Online tax payments are now available at [www.rockportmaine.gov](http://www.rockportmaine.gov) or you can now scan the QR code and pay and be on your way!

SMOKE ALARMS ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEMS IN YOUR HOME  
*YOU HAVE LESS THAN 3 MINUTES TO GET OUT OF A HOUSE WHEN ONE GOES OFF!*

DON'T JUST  
CHANGE  
YOUR  
BATTERIES...



CHECK THE  
DATE ON THE  
BACK!



SMOKE ALARMS OLDER THAN 10 YEARS SHOULD BE REPLACED



CHECK YOUR CO ALARMS AS WELL. THEY SHOULD BE  
LESS THAN 7 YEARS OLD AND HAVE FRESH BATTERIES



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For a complete listing of events, please visit the Town's Calendar at [www.rockportmaine.gov](http://www.rockportmaine.gov)

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