



"A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawnmower is broken." — James Dent

SELECT BOARD / TOWN MANAGER- Tax bills will be sent out late August or early September. If you do not receive a bill by September 15th, please call the town office. First half of the payment is due October 31, 2023 and second half is due March 31, 2024. Remember you can make weekly or monthly payments as well ~ anytime any amount.

We are thrilled by the grant received by the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation. The grant for \$30,000 will be used to purchase and update our worn fire equipment.

There will be a couple of changes to trash and transfer station disposals. Tires will not be accepted in curbside trash and dumping brush at the transfer station will require a punch to your card. Both will be effective September 1, 2023.

Celebrate Schoodic National Scenic Byway's Kid Quest this August! Set up of the interactive Kid Quest game will be at Sullivan Daze and Lobster Festival. Through August there will be a set up at Flanders Bay Barbecue and Sweet Retreat Ice Cream Store. Kid Quest booklets are available at the town office.

LD290 "PROPERTY TAX STABILIZATION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS"- program enacted in August 2022 has been repealed by the Maine State Legislature on July 6, 2023 with an effective date of October 11, 2023. The program had allowed Maine seniors 65 years and older who owned a permanent Maine residence for at least 10 years (and who were receiving a Homestead exemption) to "freeze" real estate taxes at the previous year's level regardless of income. The repeal of the program means **there will be no reapplication process and no need to follow up with the Assessing Office of your town.** Although the program has been repealed, any qualifying senior's application for the 2023 tax year will be honored and they should receive a tax bill with the "frozen" property tax bill from the 2022 tax year.

GOULDSBORO POLICE DEPT- With the summer comes more traffic. Please keep alert and please don't text and drive. Let's arrive alive!

GOULDSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY- We will be holding a meeting and program Monday, August 7th at 7PM at the Prospect Harbor Woman's Club building (68 Main Street, Prospect Harbor). This will be about ***FROM VILLAGE TO VACATIONLAND – THE RUSTICATORS ARRIVE (1873 – 1895)*** presented by Rev. Charles A. Joy, author and historian. Admission by donation. FMI call Ken Kelly at 963-7217.

VETERAN'S COMMITTEE- The GVC will meet on Tuesday, August 1st at 1PM in the town office meeting room. All local veterans and anyone interested in supporting veterans are welcome to attend. All of the fundraising raffle tickets have been sold. Thank you to those who have supported helping our local veterans. The raffle drawing will be at the Veterans Dinner on November 11th. The committee would like to acknowledge the passing of local veteran, Dale F. Torrey, Sr. We thank you for your service to our country and this community. We salute you.

GOULDSBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY- We put together a calendar raffle to sell for the month of August + September and will be drawn each day in the month of October! If you'd like to buy calendar(s), call the Secretary Brianna at 963-5589 or stop by the town office to speak to her!

DORCAS LIBRARY- Join us for our second Maine Author talk with Shannon Bowring and her novel about a small town in Northern Maine "The Road to Dalton" on August 15th at 2PM. The knitters/needlework group with Cyndi will meet August 10th and 24th at 2PM. Interactive story hour with Liz will take place August 7th and 21st at 10:15AM. The Writers group with Merry gathers August 15th at 12:30. The new Healing Group with Pat will get together August 10th and 24th at 1PM (more info on our website and FB). August 17th at 1:30PM will feature the 3; Plants and Herbs Wisdom talk with Heather Siri Temple. We offer QiGong with Pat every Monday at 9AM on the lawn. Come join our brand-new Yin Yoga on the lawn with Christina every Thursday (suggested donation \$15).

WEST GOULDSBORO VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT- The West Gouldsboro Village Improvement Association will have a bake sale at the Village Library Saturday, August 5th starting at 9AM. Proceeds are for upkeep of the library. Donations are welcome.

CODE ENFORCEMENT- As some of you may know, the Superintendent of Infrastructure has informed the Select board that he will be leaving his position with the town. Until a replacement can be found and brought up to speed, Mr. Shoemaker will stay on in a limited capacity. Look for a forthcoming announcement with regard to days of the week that he will be available for help with your permitting needs.

CODE ENFORCEMENT- <i>New building permits issued</i>		
NAME	ADDRESS	PROJECT TYPE
Cheryl Robinson	846 West Bay Road	Shed
Beth Parks	25 Western Ledge Road	Shed
Roxanne Quinby	106 Wild Rose Lane	New Construction
Thomasina Watson	192 Chicken Mill Pond Road	Driveway
Charles Haycock	6 Meadows Road	Mobile Home
John Shively	490 Pond Road	Garage
Alexander Head	15 Calf Island Road	Shed
Herb Rice	113 Pond Road	Concrete Slab
Sarah Kamanga	Grand Marsh Bay Road	Driveway

RSU 24- Summer work has started in each one of our buildings. Maintenance and upkeep are the focus this summer. Among the projects in the district are window replacements and a new gym roof at Cave Hill, new flooring and window replacements at Mountain View, new roof on the Ella Lewis portable building, roof repair at the Peninsula School, asphalt work at Mountain View and Ella Lewis and a major upgrade of the HVAC system at Mountain View. Fortunately, we had money set aside in a reserve that will cover a good portion of the work being done. We do have a number of vacant positions in the district! If you are interested or you know someone who is interested in a teaching job, an educational technician job, or a custodial or maintenance position, please contact Chris Alvarado from Human Resources at calvarado@rsu24.org. Of note, we are in desperate need of bus drivers. We do not have drivers for two routes which will create issues for us if we have to start the school year with this shortage. Anyone with questions or who might be interested in driving a bus for the district is encouraged to contact Janet Jordan (Facilities and Transportation Director) at jjordan@rsu24.org. The finish line is in view in regards to the new building project. The Certificate of Completion is being reviewed so that all parties can sign off on the building. We are still in the planning phase for the domestic water cistern project, have a punch list that the general contractor continues to work on, and our athletic fields continue to be developed. Our expectation is that we will begin the next school year under a far more "normal" situation at the new building. For those planning ahead, school for our students in grades PK-9 will start on Tuesday, August 29th. Grades 10, 11, and our seniors will return on August 30th! More information about next year will be distributed from each of our schools as we get into August. For those moving into the area or those still needing to register students, please contact your local school to check the summer hours in order to complete the registration. Thank you for your continued support of our schools. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at 422-2017 or meastman@rsu24.org.

CALENDAR OF TOWN EVENTS AND MEETINGS FOR AUGUST

AUGUST 8 th	TUESDAY	SELECT BOARD EXECUTIVE SESSION @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM
AUGUST 17 th	THURSDAY	SELECT BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM
AUGUST 22 nd	TUESDAY	PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	6PM
AUGUST 24 th	THURSDAY	COMP PLAN @ TOWN OFFICE	6PM
AUGUST 31 st	THURSDAY	SELECT BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM

ACWC- A benefit supper was pulled together very quickly for the Bryant Family in July and held at the Winter Harbor Masonic Hall; the organizers would like to thank everyone that helped make it a success. From the donations of food, to the volunteers that helped with set-up, serving and clean-up — AND to all the community members that came out to show their support, enjoy the yummy buffet and good company. It's amazing that mountains can be moved in five days! Thank you, thank you, thank you all!!!