

Hartford Happenings

Information from your Municipal Officials

Volume #1

October 2024



Welcome to our newest avenue of sharing information to the residents of our wonderful community.

This little publication will be available electronically and will also be printed for distribution at the town office.

We appreciate our town, the beautiful resources, and of course the residents.

To receive this information by email please contact Hartford@megalink.net



2024-25 Hartford Taxes were committed on 10/15/2024

New Mil Rate is 19.25

If you do not receive your tax bill by November contact the town office

Taxes are due on 12/1/24 & 5/1/25

Town Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10-5 & Saturday 10-1

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YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@HartfordMaine/streams>

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Town Clerk News

Link to Calendar of Events:

<https://www.townofhartfordmaine.com/calendar.html>

Recycle

OCTOBER 1, 2024-GARBAGE ONLY
OCTOBER 8, 2024-RECYCLABLES/GARBAGE
OCTOBER 15, 2024-GARBAGE ONLY
OCTOBER 22, 2024-RECYCLABLES/GARBAGE
OCTOBER 29, 2024-GARBAGE ONLY

NOVEMBER 5, 2024-RECYCLABLES/GARBAGE
NOVEMBER 12, 2024-GARBAGE ONLY
NOVEMBER 19, 2024-RECYCLABLES/GARBAGE
NOVEMBER 26, 2024-GARBAGE ONLY

DECEMBER 3, 2024-RECYCLABLES/GARBAGE
DECEMBER 10, 2024-GARBAGE ONLY
DECEMBER 17, 2024-RECYCLABLES/GARBAGE
DECEMBER 24, 2024-GARBAGE ONLY
DECEMBER 31, 2024-RECYCLABLES/GARBAGE

JANUARY 7, 2025-GARBAGE ONLY
JANUARY 14, 2025-RECYCLABLES/GARBAGE
JANUARY 21, 2025-GARBAGE ONLY
JANUARY 28, 2025-RECYCLABLES/GARBAGE

FEBRUARY 4, 2025-GARBAGE ONLY
FEBRUARY 11, 2025- RECYCLABLES/GARBAGE
FEBRUARY 18, 2025-GARBAGE ONLY
FEBRUARY 25 2025-RECYCLABLES/GARBAGE

MARCH 4, 2025-GARBAGE ONLY
MARCH 11, 2025-RECYCLABLES/GARBAGE
MARCH 18, 2025-GARBAGE ONLY
MARCH 25, 2025-RECYCLABLES/GARBAGE

APRIL 1, 2025-GARBAGE ONLY
APRIL 8, 2025-RECYCLABLES/GARBAGE
APRIL 15, 2025-GARBAGE ONLY
APRIL 22, 2025-RECYCLABLES/GARBAGE
APRIL 29, 2025-GARBAGE ONLY

MAY 6, 2025-RECYCLABLES/GARBAGE
MAY 13, 2025-GARBAGE ONLY
MAY 20, 2025-RECYCLABLES/GARBAGE
MAY 27, 2025-GARBAGE ONLY

JUNE 3, 2025-RECYCLABLES/GARBAGE
JUNE 10, 2025-GARBAGE ONLY
JUNE 17, 2025-RECYCLABLES/GARBAGE
JUNE 24, 2025-GARBAGE ONLY

Town Officials

Select Board
Susan Goulet (Chairman)
Kathleen Landry
Cathy Lowe
207-388-2674

Town Clerk, Tax Collector,
Treasurer Lianne Bedard
207-388-2674

Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer,
Deputy Tax Collector
Barbara Robinson
207-388-2674

Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer,
Deputy Tax Collector
Jaylene Gonyea
207-388-2674

Road Commissioner Bim McNeil
207-740-2750

CEO Scott Mills
207-415-4381

Constable Steven Elsmar
207-754-3158

Animal Control Roni-Sue Vachon
800-733-4421 option #0

Fire Warden Baxter Tardif
207-330-8465

Fire Warden Assistant Tucker
Tardif 207-578-2260

RSU 10 Director Chad Culleton
207-224-7054

General Assistance Welfare Director
Board of Selectmen
207-388-2674

The Office Crew



Remember to License your
Dogs

Rabies clinic
November 9, 2024 9-11

Hartford Town Hall

\$20.00 per vaccine

Dog Licenses expire

12/31/24

Late fee of \$25.00 after

2/1/25



State law change beginning
1/1/2025: Vehicles must be 35
years old to qualify for an
Antique Registration.

Motor Vehicle
Registrations may be
processed at the Towns
of Buckfield and Sumner
if the Hartford Office is
closed

Bring the old registration,
insurance cards, and mileage
with you

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Your Board of Selectmen



Cathy Lowe, Sue Goulet & Kathy Landry

We welcome you to attend our Selectboard meetings in person or watch on YouTube. They are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month

Community Highlights

Honoring those who were left behind



Walter Thomas is an active member of our Hartford Cemetery Committee. He has family buried in Maple Grove Cemetery where he too, intends to be laid to rest (a long time from now).

While working at Maple Grove, he realized that there was a recent burial that was a ward of the state. There is no family, so there would be no stone marker. Walter wanted her to have a permanent stone and decided to purchase one for her. What a wonderful gesture!!

As Walter spent more time helping improve our cemeteries, he saw that other gravesites had no permanent markers. They only had a temporary sign provided by the burial company decades before.

Walter saw that many of these local residents' temporary markers were broken and failing. This did not sit well with Walter, so he proceeded to order more personalized stones for those folks as well. As of October, Walter has purchased and placed 18 permanent marker stones to honor those who were gone but not forgotten.

We THANK our local hero, Walter Thomas

(picture is one of the stones he purchased)

Town Hall is ready for FALL

The Hall is looking festive for fall! An anonymous donor purchased new curtains for all the Hall windows. They look GREAT! When you enter the hall, you will also see handcrafted autumn decorations that were provided by Kathleen Theriault. These really warm up the main room. Besides those wonderful up-do's, Lorraine Parsens has started a "history" wall showcasing pictures, a sign and stories from Hartford's past. Thanks to all for caring for our Community Hall!

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VOTE



You may request absentee ballots online: [Click Here](#)

Presidential Election and State Referendum
November 5, 2024
8-8



Absentee Ballots available
October 5, 2024

Office	Party	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
PR	D	Harris	Kamala	D.
VP	D	Walz	Tim	
PR	L	Oliver	Chase	
VP	L	ter Maat	Mike	
PR	G	Stein	Jill	
VP	G	Ware	Rudolph	
PR	R	Trump	Donald	J.
VP	R	Vance	James	D.
PR	Justice for All	West	Cornel	
VP	Justice for All	Abdullah	Melina	



U.S. Senator

Cherry, Jason S. Independent
Costello, David Allen Democrat
King, Angus S., Jr. Independent
Kouzounas, Demi Republican

Rep. to Congress

Golden, Jared Forrest, Democratic
Theriault, Austin Republican

State Senator

Bryant, Bruce S. Democrat
Martin, Joseph E. Republican

Rep. to Legislature

Schmersal-Burgess, Tammy L. Republican

Judge of Probate

Crockett, Jarod S. Republican

Register of Probate

Dilworth, Jennifer McPhee Republican

State of Maine Referendum Election, November 5, 2024

List of Referendum Questions

Question 1: Citizen's Initiative

Do you want to set a \$5,000 limit for giving to political action committees that spend money independently to support or defeat candidates for office?

Question 2: Bond Question

Do you favor a bond issue of \$25,000,000 to provide funds, to be awarded through a competitive process and to leverage matching private and federal funds on at least a one-to-one basis, for research and development and commercialization for Maine-based public and private institutions in support of technological innovation in the targeted sectors of life sciences and biomedical technology, environmental and renewable energy technology, information technology, advanced technologies for forestry and agriculture, aquaculture and marine technology, composites and advanced materials and precision manufacturing?

Question 3: Bond Question

Do you favor a \$10,000,000 bond issue to restore historic buildings owned by governmental and nonprofit organizations, with funds being issued contingent on a 25% local match requirement from either private or nonprofit sources?

Question 4: Bond Question

Do you favor a \$30,000,000 bond issue to invest in the design, development and maintenance for nonmotorized, motorized and multi-use trails statewide, to be matched by at least \$3,000,000 in private and public contributions?

Question 5: State Referendum

Do you favor making the former state flag, replaced as the official flag of the State in 1909 and commonly known as the Pine Tree Flag, the official flag of the State?



Hartford residents vote at the
Hartford Town Hall
1190 Main Street
Hartford, Maine
8-8

Absentee ballots will be
processed at the polls @2:00pm

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LAKE SMART AWARDS

on Bear Pond

Congratulations to the 2023
Lake Smart Award winners!

These local residents took great efforts to
keep our pond healthy and clean.

Jen Bonaventura & Chad Casey

Millard Rose & Beth Lacey

Jim & Lorry Schwellenbach



If you would like to get involved in your local
pond/lake association contact
Bear Pond Improvement Association
Bearpondme.org
or Friends of Lake Anasagunticook FB Page

NEW Parking at Parsons Cemetery

New property owner and recent Cemetery Committee member, Keith Stebbins, donated excavator time, gravel and some private road access to create a great new parking area for the Parsens Cemetery. There was no off-road cemetery parking to visit or work from before. Now with Keith's heavy equipment skills and the help of Ken Violette and his dump truck, the new safer parking lot was created.

Keith has purchased the property behind and including Parsens Cemetery. He wants to move to Hartford permanently after he builds his new homestead on the back acreage. He loves the quiet town of Hartford, and is looking forward to becoming a resident.

There are cemetery plots available to purchase in Hartford. Please contact Ken Violette, Cemetery Chairman or the Town Office for pricing and location information

The Selectboard would like to thank the Hartford Cemetery Committee and their volunteers for the hundreds of hours you have given these last few years to clean, repair, and upright the many many head stones at our cemeteries.

This past year's Annual Report featured 2 cemeteries that were transformed by this great hard working crew.

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Would you like to serve on a Town committee?
Please contact the Town Office for more information



Recycling Education Event
November 16, 2024
9-12

Hartford Town Hall

Learn how to save money through recycling, composting, and using the Apparel Impact bins

Sponsored by the Solid Waste & Recycling Committee

Bulky items may be disposed of at Archie's Inc. in Mexico, Maine or Maine Waste to Energy in Auburn.
A fee will be charged to the resident.

Comprehensive Plan updates

The Town is preparing to update our 2008 Comprehensive Plan which is a planning document intended to guide community decision making around policy and land use issues over the next 10 to 20 years. The comprehensive planning process is an opportunity for community members to come together and take inventory of current trends and look ahead toward future needs, challenges, and opportunities.

Your involvement is essential

Please visit the town website for updates and meeting dates:

[https://www.weebly.com/weebly/main.php#/#/](https://www.weebly.com/weebly/main.php#/)



Broadband

Anyone who does not have access to broadband at their residence please contact the Town Office. We have a committee working towards a solution to the situation in Hartford



Congratulations to our Barbara Robinson on her recent appointment as Grand Electa for Eastern Star Grand Chapter of Maine

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Recreation Committee News

Swim lessons were offered again this year. We had 36 students this past summer. There were 17 returning students and 19 new swimmers. We were able to offer some classroom instruction on a rainy and cold day. The students and instructors enjoyed songs, games and lots of skill work. Thank you for sharing your children and grandchildren with us. Victoria and Dana look forward to continuing this great tradition. If you ever have any questions please feel free to contact us through the town office.



**Joy to the Children
Spreading Holiday Cheer for the
Children of Hartford, Maine**



What: Holiday shopping for your children, everything is free!

Who: Parents, guardians or immediate relatives (only)

Date: December 7, 2024

Time: 11:00am to 4:00pm

Address: Hartford Town Hall

One family member (parent, guardian or immediate relative) will be given the opportunity to pick up to three (3) free gifts from an array of gently loved toys and gifts for infants, toddlers, elementary school-aged, pre-teens and teens. Items will be categorized by groups for easy viewing and selection.

There will also be a drawing for the premium gifts, tickets will be provided for you to complete with your name and phone number. Winners will be drawn at 4:00pm, we ask that you pick up the gifts by 6:00pm or make alternative arrangements (will be stored locally). Limited to one premium gift, per family. We will have volunteers on-site to wrap/bag the gifts and provide you with name tags.







If you are interested in donating gently loved items, you may drop them off during the recreation committee meetings. Please refer to the calendar @ <https://www.townofhartfordmaine.com/> Alternatively, you may email a recreation committee member to arrange drop-off: Rebecca (beckyelsman721@gmail.com), Dana (ddudley3638@gmail.com) or Bailey (roe.bailey.k@gmail.com).

If you have questions or need additional clarity, please reach out to Connie Hoellerman (clhoellerman@gmail.com) or personal message on Facebook. We hope to see you there!

Sponsored by your Hartford Neighbors and the Hartford Recreation Committee. The Town of Hartford shall have no liability, or obligation in connection with this holiday event.

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 *Archie's Recycling* 

MATERIAL	WHAT TO RECYCLE	HOW TO RECYCLE
 <p>CARDBOARD & BROWN PAPER</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Corrugated Cardboard -Brown Paper -Cereal box & beer box type of materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Make sure to flatten your cardboard and keep it clean and dry -No food contaminated products
 <p>NEWSPAPER, MAGAZINES & WHITE PAPER</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Newspapers -Magazines -Catalogs -White Paper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Make sure the paper is clean & dry -No food contaminated products -Do not tie with string -Do not wrap with tape
 <p>NATURAL PLASTIC & COLORED PLASTIC</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Any #2 (HDPE) Plastic -Milk Jugs -Laundry Detergent Bottles -Bleach Bottles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Separate the Natural Plastic from the Colored Plastic -Remove all caps and rings -Rinse Bottles Clean -Only #2 (HDPE) plastic -NO PLASTIC BAGS
 <p>TIN CANS & ALUMINUM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Aluminum cans -Aluminum foil -Tin cans -Most any clean metal products 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Please clean the containers
 <p>GLASS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Clear bottles and jars -Brown bottles and jars -Green bottles and jars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Please clean the containers -Removed all plastic caps and rings

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