



CITY HALL CONNECTION

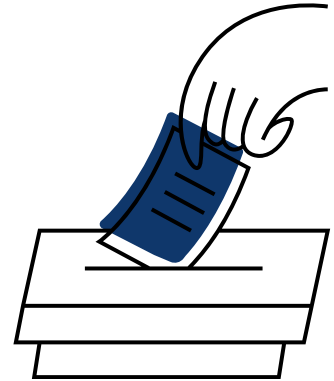
SEPTEMBER 2024

This newsletter is your connection to City of Ellsworth local government updates. Help us connect with people across the City; share the newsletter with your friends, your family and your community. Subscribe to the monthly newsletter at www.ellsworthmaine.gov

NOMINATION PAPERS

Nomination papers for Nov. 5 municipal election are due back to the City Clerk's Office on or before Friday, September 6th, 2024 at 12:30 PM.

- 2 Ellsworth City Council members, terms to expire 11/2027
- 2 Ellsworth Library Trustee member, term to expire 11/2027
- 1 Ellsworth School Board members, terms to expire 11/2027



TAX OFFICE UPDATES: CHANGE IN FIRST PAYMENT INTEREST START DATE

Due to delay in the tax commitment process, the previously adopted first payment interest start date of 9/13/2024 has been changed to 10/1/2024. The Ellsworth City Council held an emergency meeting August 26th, 2024 and voted to change this date to give tax payers more time to make their first payment without penalty due to the printed bills not being mailed out until the last week of August. Taxpayers will not be charged interest on the first half of their tax bill until October 1st, 2024.

Tax bills are now available to view and/or pay online.

UNDERSTANDING RECREATIONAL ADULT-USE CANNABIS: INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOPS

Join us for a series of workshops designed to provide information and foster discussions about recreational adult-use cannabis. These sessions held by City Staff are open to our community.

Details:

- Location: Ellsworth City Hall Council Chambers
- Time: All sessions begin at 5:30 PM
- Dates:

September 12th – Land Use, Zoning, and Code Enforcement

September 17th – Election Process and Ballot Information

October 10th – Extra Listening Session

For more information or questions about the workshops, please contact the City Planner's office at (207) 669-6615 or email mwilliams@ellsworthmaine.gov.

CITY HALL HOURS

Monday - Wednesday: 8 AM - 5 PM

Thursday: 8 AM - 6:30 PM

Friday: 8 AM - 12:30 PM

CITY HALL

1 City Hall Plaza

Ellsworth, ME 04605

SEPTEMBER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 18 at 6pm in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Available to stream online through the City of Ellsworth YouTube and Facebook.

Check the City website for the latest updates and meeting agenda.

HANGING UP HIS HANDCUFFS

The Ellsworth Police Department celebrated Raleigh “Fred” Ehrlenbach’s remarkable 45 years of service. An Ellsworth native, Fred began his career in 1979, working patrols and filling in as a dispatcher. He fondly recalled witnessing the department’s significant transition from typewriters to computers. His colleagues shared how Fred has dedicated himself to community and his son remarked that the community also gave back to their family.

Although officially retired, Fred remains deeply committed to serving the surrounding communities. He currently serves as the Chairman of the Town of Trenton Selectmen, is a member of Ellsworth’s Harbor Commission, serves on the advisory board of Acadia National Park, and was formerly on Woodlawn’s board. The City of Ellsworth extends its heartfelt thanks to Fred for his years of dedicated service and encourages everyone to congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement.



POLICE CHIEF AND DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF SWORN IN



Chief Bires



Deputy Chief Willey

During the August 2024 City Council meeting the Council approved the City Manager’s promotions of Deputy Chief and Interim Chief Troy Bires to Police Chief and Captain Shawn Willey to Deputy Chief.

The City thanks Chief Bires and Deputy Chief Willey for their longstanding dedication to the City of Ellsworth and our community!



FIRE DEPARTMENT BARBEQUE

WHEN: September 11, 2024 from 11 am to 1 pm

LOCATION: Ellsworth Fire Department

The Ellsworth Fire Department invites the community to a barbeque in remembrance of 9/11.

Food is provided generously by Walmart and Colvard Sausage Co.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY?

This September, the Ellsworth Public Library (EPL) is celebrating Library Card Sign-Up Month in a big way! Throughout September, an Ellsworth Public Library card offers additional value, granting access to exclusive discounts and free items at 15 businesses in downtown Ellsworth. From delicious treats to unique shopping experiences, this September, supporting your local library rewards patrons in a new way. EPL Library Cards are free for all residents of Ellsworth and some neighboring towns.

ELLSWORTH
PUBLIC
LIBRARY

USE YOUR EPL CARD TO SAVE \$\$\$

SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH!



SHOW YOUR **ELLSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY CARD**
AT THESE PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS FOR A
SPECIAL DEAL THIS SEPTEMBER.

DON'T HAVE A CARD? VISIT ELLSWORTHLIBRARY.NET FOR REGISTRATION DETAILS.



10% OFF
PRODUCTS



10% OFF



10% OFF



FREE SMALL
POPCORN



FREE TASTER



10% OFF



DRAWING FOR
SAUCE/CONDIMENT



1/2 OFF ONE ITEM



10% OFF



FREE
COOKIE



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MAINE CLIMATE COUNCIL IS COMING TO ELLSWORTH



The Maine Climate Council (MCC) will host a public workshop at the Ellsworth Public Library to hear from area residents about what is important to them and their community as the State takes action to prepare to update the **Maine Climate Action Plan** later this year. "Maine Won't Wait" is the state's four-year climate action plan aimed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and build resilience against climate impacts.

The City of Ellsworth has aligned local efforts to help meet the goals of the Maine Climate Action Plan. As a member of the State's Community Resiliency Partnership, the City was awarded funding to participate in the planning phase of the Village Partnership Initiative with the Maine Department of Transportation. The goals of the plan are to address climate related impacts by reducing miles traveled by automotive vehicles, minimizing wear on roadways, and reducing accidents.

Additionally, the City is evaluating vulnerabilities to the City's stormwater infrastructure and its ability to handle the capacity of rain events and snowmelt. As a riverfront community susceptible to flooding, Ellsworth experiences drainage challenges, as witnessed during recent winter storm events.

If interested in sharing your concerns or experiences as a resident of Ellsworth, please feel free to attend the Climate Council workshop.

PROJECTS AROUND THE CITY



An extension was added to the concrete surface at the Transfer Station to improve safety while maneuvering the forklift.

City Hall will soon have a Utilities Billing Office for accepting water bill payments! This room was the former interview room for the Ellsworth Police Department.



The Public Works crew completed ditching along a section of Bayside Road.

2024 CITY REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULES

City Council - Regular meetings are the 3rd Monday of each month at 6 PM in the Council Chamber.

JANUARY 8*	JULY 15
FEBRUARY 12*	AUGUST 19
MARCH 18	SEPTEMBER 16
APRIL 15	OCTOBER 21
MAY 20	NOVEMBER 18
JUNE 17	DECEMBER 16

*January and February meetings will be held on the 2nd Monday of the month due to the observance of Holidays on the regularly scheduled 3rd Monday of the month.

Finance Committee - 8 AM every Friday.

BIG FINANCE FRIDAY - 2nd Friday of each month at 8 AM

Planning Board - 1st Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM.

Board of Appeals - 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 PM, held as necessary.

Recreation Commission - 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8:30 AM.

Historic Preservation Commission - 3rd Wednesday of each month at 4 PM.

Arbor Commission - 1st Monday of each month at 8:15 AM.

Harbor Commission - 4th Wednesday of each month at 6 PM.

Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee - 4th Monday of each month at 5:30 PM.

School Board - 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6 PM (except June).

School Board Workshops - 4th Tuesday of each month at 6 PM.

Library Board of Trustees - 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Library.

Visit the [City of Ellsworth website](#) or call City Hall for the most up-to-date information on meetings and to learn of changes or cancellations.

BIG FINANCE FRIDAYS

Join us as we review the year-to-date budget performance. Every second Friday of the month will be used to examine the current actuals, broken down by department, and we would love for you to watch in-person or online at 8:00am!

2023 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

The report is available on the City website. You can find it on the Finance Department page on the right-hand side under Financial Reports.