



Thomaston Recreation Department

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Town of Thomaston

Recreation Committee Meeting Agenda

Thursday, February 12th at 5:30PM

Thomaston Recreation Community Room

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Review minutes of the last meeting.

3. Public Comment

None scheduled (Floor remains open)

4. Director's Report

A. Department updates

Adult Recreation

Adult pickup basketball takes place on Monday nights at Thomaston Grammar School. It started November 3rd and will run through March, 31 2026.

Multiple requests for an adult softball league have been received. Other towns (Camden and Waldoboro are the two main examples) run similar programs and charge per team for a season of 1-2 games per week. This is different than the previous tournaments that have been hosted at our facilities. This would be something that would start either right after Oceanside Little League (Youth baseball/softball) or depending on schedule clarity with OLL, could start early May alongside the youth program.

Senior Recreation

Senior luncheons have continued as a monthly event at the Municipal Building. Next luncheon is Friday, February 27th. Valentines were given at the last luncheon and we'll be celebrating Saint Patricks Day at February's luncheon.

TRD and Thomaston Public Library continue to offer free senior wellness classes (instructed by the YMCA) at the library on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11AM.

There's room for another senior day program. There's been slight interest for craft nights or game nights.

Youth Recreation

- The youth basketball program (Oceanside Recreation) and Peewee (PreK-2nd) clinics have concluded. Thank you to the coaches!
- Thomaston is continuing the collaboration with Rockland in supporting continuing basketball through "travel teams". Tryouts were held and 3 teams were created (2 boys teams 1 girls team). Uniforms for the boys' teams are provided by Rockland Recreation.



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An approval for the girls' uniforms purchase was received at the 02/09/2026 selectboard meeting for \$523 to Seaside Creations (Lauren Hatch). These uniforms will be distributed and collected for multiple years of use. Rockland and Thomaston are both supporting 1 tournament entry fee per team. Additional tournaments can be selected by each team; they then have the responsibility of splitting the fees among the players. (This is common for travel team programs)

- Gary Upham, 3rd/4th grade girls coach has re-volunteered his time to allow all interested 3rd/4th girls to participate in the Mussel Ridge tournament in Saint George March 6-8th. Thank you!
- Youth baseball, tball, and softball signups are live. This year, Thomaston is sticking with our commitment that "Thomaston plays free". All registrations will be covered by the department. Last year, there were 60 participants for the league. This is not a budgeted expense and could result in a reserve request depending on the increased interest with the new financial relief. All registrant information will be requested. Games will be hosted at our field (Watts Ln) with the encouragement of an "under the lights" game for all teams with no additional cost.

Community Events

"Thomaston Maine" crewnecks are available for sale for \$20. Only sizes left are S, M. The Warm Hearts Gala was an incredible success with over \$7000 (\$7,083) raised for Homeworthy's heat assistance program. The goal is to continue our supporting efforts by making this an annual event.

Saturday, February 28th at 4PM (NEW DATE PENDING) we've booked The Gibbonses for an original performance in the Lura Libby Room. This will be open to the public with a potential door charge.

The community Easter egg hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 4th at (tentatively 10AM). We will be seeking volunteer help for filling eggs as well as candy donations.

Another event in the works is a Battle Of The Bands event this Spring. Additional details to come.

Loved Ones Dance – Current day "Mother/Son" "Father/Daughter" dance for children (grades 1-6). Chaperones needed. Original date was 02/13/2026, rescheduled to 02/20/2026. This is during vacation week and the hope is great attendance with greater availability for chaperones/volunteers.

5. Old Business

Budget Review. (Last snapshot was from 11/2025)

6. New Business

- Creating a scholarship opportunity for external athletics programs (i.e. The Pitch, Ben Teer-Training, Cheer Athletics Maine)
- Annual Report is due on Feb 28th, 2026



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7. Committee Member Updates

- Reports or updates from committee members

8. Future Agenda Items

- Suggestions for next meeting agenda topics

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9. Schedule Next Meeting

- Confirm date and time of next meeting
 - Proposed Date/Time: **SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH**
 - **March 12th at 5:30PM**

10. Adjournment

