

# The Hermon CONNECTION

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Hermon Recreation is excited to announce that the Summer Sizzler event will be returning this year on **August 19th, 2023** at the Patricia A. Duran School. We have a fun filled day of events for people of all ages to enjoy that will bring the community together and celebrate our town including food, bounce houses, music, a slime run, corn hole tournament, car show, and of course, a fantastic fireworks display to end the event!

Our current schedule of events (subject to change) is as follows:

**8 AM:** Sizzler Slime Run  
**9:30 AM - 11:30 AM:** Car Show  
**12 PM - 4 PM:** Carnival Land  
**12 PM - 5 PM:** Booths & Food Trucks  
**3 PM - 6 PM:** Cornhole Tournament  
**4 PM - 6 PM:** Community BBQ  
**5 PM - 7:30 PM:** Band Performance  
**8:45 - 9 PM:** Fireworks



## Town of HERMON

Joshua Berry  
Town Manager

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For more information and to register for events, please visit  
[www.hermonrec.com](http://www.hermonrec.com)

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## ***From the Town Manager, Josh Berry***

**Garbage Pick Up-** Some of you may have noticed the garbage trucks picking up a little earlier than normal. Due to staffing crunches and time demand, the Casella crew has been hitting Hermon a little early and your pickup times may vary because of this. To ensure a timely pick up, please have trash out by the road by 7:00AM. If you have any questions, please give the town office a call at 848-1010. Thank you!

### **TRACK & FOOTBALL FIELD PROJECT (POTTLE ATHLETIC COMPLEX)**

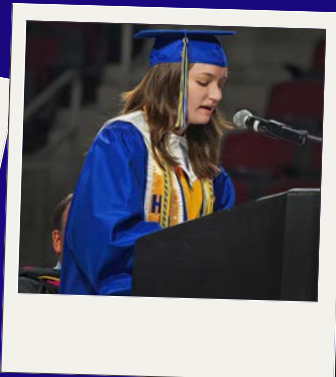
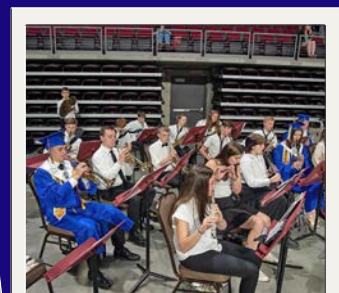


Location of future Track (above) and Football field progress (below).



# HERMON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2023

# CONGRATS GRADUATES



# HOMEOWNERS, DO YOU QUALIFY FOR A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION?

*Rylee Cushman, Tax Assessor*

**HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION:** Hermon residents already receiving the Homestead Property Tax Exemption in the amount of \$25,000 do **not** need to re-apply.

**New Hermon residential property owners:** Do you qualify for a homestead exemption? Go to the website listed below to download an application or pick one up at the Town Office; qualification requirements are listed on application.

<https://www.Hermonmaine.gov/exemption-forms-information/>

All application should be returned to the Assessing office by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

**VETERAN EXEMPTION:** Any residential property owner who is a veteran 62 years or older or the widow of a veteran who would be 62 years or older; served during a recognized war period and is **not already receiving** the exemption you may pick up an application at the Town Office or download at:

<https://www.Hermonmaine.gov/exemption-forms-information/>

**Application should be returned to the Assessing Office by August 31, 2023, with a copy of a DD214 or other official form verifying dates of entry and separation.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 848-1010 option 1.

Or reach us by email at [Assessor@hermonmaine.gov](mailto:Assessor@hermonmaine.gov)

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## June 13, 2023 Election Results

For **School Committee** - a term of three years: expires 06/30/2026

Name	Votes
Shorey, Kristen	515
Veneziano, Brian	553 (winner)

For **Council** - a term of three years: expires 06/30/2026

Name	Votes
Gray, Christopher	573 (winner)
Murphy, Ronald	605 (winner)
Stewart, Kimberly	507
Buzzell, Everett (Declared Write-in)	23

### Want to contribute to the *Hermon Connection*?

Have something you want to share with the community? If you have an item of interest pertaining to the Town of Hermon we want to hear about it! Submitting an article in the Hermon Connection is a good way for residents and organizations to share stories of interest with the community. If you would like to submit an article, please email it to Lindsey Ouellette at [ouellettel@hermonmaine.gov](mailto:ouellettel@hermonmaine.gov). In order for Hermon residents and/or organizations to submit articles to be published in the Connection, the following criteria must be met:

1. The person submitting the article must be a resident of the Town of Hermon.
2. The organization submitting the article must be located within Hermon's geographic boundaries.
3. The organization has a lawful purpose which does not pose a threat to public order, to the safety of the public, or to the safety of any individual.
4. The organization does not have as its primary purpose marketing products or services or making a profit.

Please be aware that any articles and notices submitted by community members and community organizations may not contain offensive language, slander, advocate violence or unlawful activity, or pose a threat to public order or to persons or their reputation. When determining whether or not to submit an article, please be aware the deadlines for submission are approximately the 20th of February, April, June, August, October and December.

Once you have submitted your article, Town staff will be in contact with you to let you know if the article you submitted will be published. We look forward to hearing from you!

## **Bipartisan work results in long-term funding solution for our transportation network**

*Legislative Update*

*2023 Legislative Session Update with Rep. Jim Thorne*

*House District 35 - Carmel and Hermon*

The Legislature continued its work in June after adjourning in March, then immediately going into Special Session in order to prevent a Republican backed income tax proposal that would have returned some of the projected surplus to taxpayers by lowering income tax rates. Although I am disappointed that money has not been returned to taxpayers, I am happy to report one major achievement that resulted from bipartisanship. After years of underfunding our roads, bridges and transportation network, then asking voters to borrow money every two years, the Legislature agreed on a dedicated, stable funding source going forward.

I strongly believe that the best legislative solutions almost always result from Republicans and Democrats working together to benefit all Maine people.

For years, the Legislature has neglected funding for Maine's large, aging, transportation network. Instead, after all available general fund money has been allocated/spent, the Legislature sends a \$100 million transportation bond proposal to voters for approval. Voters approve it because of the need and the fact that it will draw matching federal funds. The funding has not been enough to keep pace with the needs of our aging transportation network. Funding for transportation from the gas tax has steadily declined as the fuel efficiency of gas powered vehicles and number of electric vehicles has increased.

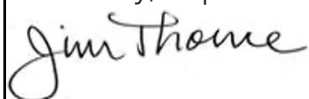
Republicans have long advocated for allocating more tax dollars to transportation needs instead of continually asking voters to borrow money. This session, Republicans and Democrats worked together on a long-term solution that was signed by Governor Mills. LD 259, with a key Republican funding amendment, follows overwhelming support from Maine's House and Senate.

The new law creates a sustainable source of funding for the Highway Fund by dedicating 40 percent of the 5.5 percent sales tax on vehicle purchases and 40 percent of sales and use taxes collected by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. It is expected to generate more than \$200 million for infrastructure repair per biennium.

A steady, predictable source of funding for Maine's transportation network will benefit all of us, since every part of Maine life depends on it. The best legislation usually results from all parties working together on solutions. I hope that the cooperation shown during negotiations on the Highway Fund budget can extend to other areas.

I appreciate the support I have received from constituents and the opportunity to continue serving you in the Maine House. If there is anything I can do to assist you, or if you have questions or concerns involving state agencies, please contact me at [Jim.Thorne@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Jim.Thorne@legislature.maine.gov).

Sincerely, Rep. Jim Thorne





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**JULY 22<sup>ND</sup> - 29<sup>TH</sup>**



# FALL SPORTS

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## HERMON RECREATION



**Registration for Hermon Recreation's annual fall sports is open now until August 20th. For more information & to register please visit [www.hermonrec.com](http://www.hermonrec.com).**

*Fall Cheering & Field Hockey TBA*

## HHS GOLF FUNDRAISER 2023





# *Before & After* *School Program*



# OPEN HOUSE

*sneak peek ...*

**1 - 3 PM**

**AUG  
30<sup>TH</sup>**

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