

COMMUNITY APPEAL

## Preserve Our Past Build Our Future



# SAVE OUR GROCERY STORE!

*The historic block as it stood in 1874 — Thomaston National Bank, Post Office and local businesses.*

Dear Friend and Neighbor,

We are writing to you today about something that matters deeply to everyone in Thomaston — our grocery store. Thomaston Grocery has been a cornerstone of our community for over thirty years, and now it faces an uncertain future. We need your help to secure it for generations to come.

### | A TIME OF TRANSITION

In 2025, the store and its building were listed for sale. The questions came immediately — and they are questions every one of us must take seriously:

**What happens if Thomaston Grocery closes?**

How will local businesses fare without all of its many daily shoppers stopping by?

It is the only full-service food store reachable without driving. Do we become a food desert?

Small grocery stores operate on pretty slender margins. A new owner might change the use of the building entirely.

*The truth is simple: once a community loses its grocery store, it rarely comes back. It is vital that we hold on to it.*



*Thomaston Grocery — a cornerstone of the community for over thirty years.*

## **| GOOD NEWS**

### **Thomaston Has a Community Development Corporation**

Our newly established Thomaston Community Development Corporation — Tommytown.org — has stepped forward with an agreement to purchase the store and its historic building.

Our founders are your neighbors:

**Jon Eaton**

*Chair, Economic & Community Development  
Committee*

<b>Seth Silverton</b>	<i>Business coach &amp; ECDC member</i>
<b>Alan Blake</b>	<i>Thomaston Select Board</i>

*Tommytown.org is not part of town government. All founders and board members are unpaid volunteers.*

**| WHAT'S THE PLAN?**

**Buying the Building**

Tommytown.org has made an agreement to purchase Thomaston Grocery and its historic building. This is just the beginning — our goal is not simply to acquire the property, but to invest in it and make it a stronger asset for the whole community.

For the store itself, we plan to refresh and improve the retail space — new layout, new equipment, new deli with more display space, plus an expanded variety of foods, and a shopping environment that works for everyone.

We are pursuing grants, bank loans, and gap financing from Coastal Enterprises Inc. and other mission-driven lenders — but we're also going to need your help — community support will be essential. Your donations provide the foundation that makes everything else possible.

Every dollar raised goes directly towards securing and improving this building for Thomaston.

**OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL**

**\$300,000**

*We believe we can reach this with help from people and organizations across Thomaston.*

*With your consent, donations will be acknowledged in the newly refurbished store and on our website:*

<b>Tommytown Friend</b>	<b>\$10 – \$999</b>
<b>Tommytown Lover</b>	<b>\$1,000 – \$9,999</b>
<b>Tommytown Angel</b>	<b>\$10,000 and above</b>

*Donations are fully refundable if the purchase fails to close.*

Thomaston Grocery is more than a store — it is the heartbeat of our town. Please consider a donation at any level. Together, we can preserve our past and build our future.

*With gratitude,*

**The Tommytown.org Team**

*Jon Eaton, Seth Silvertown & Alan Blake*



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