

City of Lewiston Press Release

Members of the Media: Below please find a press release **highlighting Councilor John Butler's appointment to the Maine Municipal Association's Executive Committee**. **A photo of Councilor Butler is attached**. Any media coverage you could render would be greatly appreciated. Thanks, Dottie

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LEWISTON: **Lewiston City Councilor John T. Butler has been named to the Maine Municipal Association's (MMA) Executive Committee. Butler, who has served as a City Councilor since January 2010, will join MMA's 12-member Executive Committee in November.**

"I am excited to have John join our committee," said Mark Green, President of the MMA Executive Committee and Sanford Town Manager. ***"John's position as a city councilor in one of our state's largest municipalities helps achieve a good balance on the Executive Committee among population categories and regions of the state."***

Founded in 1936, the Maine Municipal Association is a voluntary, non-partisan, member-service organization to which 487 municipalities in Maine belong. Its core belief is that local government is a fundamental component of a democratic system of government. MMA's services include advocacy, education and information, professional legal and personnel advisory services, and self-funded group insurance programs.

Butler stated, ***"The MMA is an important group because it unifies cities, towns, villages, and plantations as one front which is critical today with Federal & State dollars dwindling. I look forward to serving with members of the Executive Committee."***

Prior to becoming a councilor, Butler served on the Lewiston School Committee for 16 years. A graduate of Lewiston High School, Butler also graduated from St. Michael's College in 1981 with a Bachelors Degree in Political Science. He works

as an outside salesperson for Butler Brothers, a family-owned industrial distribution business that started in 1952.

Lewiston City Administrator Edward A. Barrett noted about Butler's new opportunity, ***"I'm pleased that John has been appointed and know that he will be an effective voice for the City of Lewiston and Maine's service center communities. In today's fiscal environment, it is important for us to have someone who can speak effectively and forcefully to state and national officials on the issues and challenges facing our community."***

Butler has been married for 27 years to Ann Mullahy Butler. They are the parents of three children: Jason, Tori, and Ali, and they also have a granddaughter, Madison Rose.

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