

City of Lewiston

AUGUST 2013

City Administrator's Report



Greetings from the City of Lewiston

Each month, this report from the City Administrator's office provides a brief summary and update of major activities, events, projects, and programs that impact the community of Lewiston. Feel free to send your comments and suggestions.

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Items of Interest

2013 GREAT FALLS BALLOON FESTIVAL

Enjoyed by approximately 115,000 people! It was reported that this year's festival was the second largest in the last ten years and that 32 non-profit groups collectively raised just under \$200,000.

Photos - Compliments of Norm Beauparlant



BADGES FOR BOOKS

LEWISTON POLICE OFFICER CHARLES WEAVER UNDERTAKES A NEW PROGRAM TO BENEFIT YOUNG CHILDREN

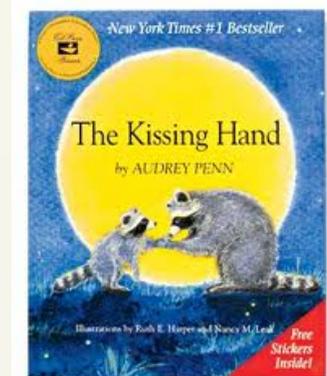
Officer Charles Weaver is attempting to get as many children's books as possible donated to the Lewiston Police Department to distribute to young children who would benefit from them. Over the past four years, he's seen kids ranging from two to five years old who cannot speak a word or effectively communicate: children of all cultures, races, and nationalities. Officer Weaver says that since working with the Community Resource Team (CRT), he has been exposed to children who lack any sort of basic language skills. Whether this is a result of neglect, a lack of learning resources, or a disability, it is his intention to provide a small bag of books to children and families who are identified as needing such an opportunity. Of course, he will seek input from patrol and would love to have other city employees let him know of kids and families who may benefit from the program, essentially providing the tools to read, learn, and hopefully speak...in hopes of having a lasting impact on a child's future.

At this point, "Badges for Books" is in its infant stages. A collection of children's books are needed.

If you or someone you know have children's books that you'd like to donate, please bring them to the Lewiston Police Department to the attention of Officer Weaver.

As the program grows, enthusiasm for reading will as well.

Thank you!





BACK PACKS DISTRIBUTED AS THE START OF A NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS

The **Jesus Party** urban youth outreach joined with Timothy Hiltz, President of Communications Technology, Inc. of Falmouth to distribute 200 backpacks and school supplies to area children.

Lewiston's Mayor Robert Macdonald and Ward 5 City Councilor Craig Saddlemire participated in the back-to-school special event by passing out snacks and greeting residents. *(pictured below)*

The Jesus Party is in its 19th year of serving inner-city youth by promoting God & Country along with patriotic observances, anti-bullying messages, and teaching strong moral values. Each gathering is filled with a time of singing, object lessons, and family-friendly films.

For more information on this outreach program, call 786-5568.



SAVE THE DATE

October 26, 2013

National Prescription
Drug Take-Back Initiative

Locations to be determined

City Administrator

Edward A. Barrett



International City Management Association Studies Lewiston's Social Sustainability Efforts

The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) has selected the City of Lewiston and our community partners to be featured in a case study on social equity and social sustainability. Funding for the research comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

A two person study team was here in August interviewing staff and other involved parties. This research will become a part of a white paper outlining best practices in social sustainability. The focus of the effort is to understand and broadly communicate answers to the research question: what are current activities, leading practices, and achievements of sustainable communities created through a comprehensive, integrated approach supported by inclusive engagement? The ICMA researchers will be looking at the success our community has achieved and will highlight those elements of that success which could be replicated by other local governments across the country.

The areas that ICMA is exploring include, but are not limited to: affordable housing; food security; community policing; transit, biking, and pedestrian issues; community health; environmental and open space issues; and efforts to engage our immigrant population. They were particularly interested in the community outreach efforts we used in developing our Strategic Plan, the Riverfront Island Master Plan, and the recently completed Planapalooza.

Lewiston was selected based on the range of sustainability efforts we are engaged in as reported to ICMA in a national survey conducted last year. It's always nice to see the community's hard work and commitment recognized by experts "from away."

Preliminary FY13 Financials

In Finance Director Heather Hunter's report (see below), you'll have the chance to delve into the details of the City's financial performance during our last fiscal year that ended on June 30th. The short version: in spite of state funding cuts, a harsher than normal winter, and the costs associated with this spring's major fires, our financial performance far exceeded expectations. It looks like we ended the year with about \$2.1 million to add to our rainy day fund. These funds will be used to cover the \$1.5 million in savings appropriated during the recently completed budget process for various capital purposes, allowing us to minimize the effect of state municipal revenue sharing cuts. My thanks to Heather, her staff, and all of our employees who worked hard to control costs last year. We were all pleasantly surprised.



Assessing

Joseph Grube, Chief Assessor

August activity in the Assessing Department was centered on committing the 2013-2014 tax roll to the Tax Collector and issuance of the fiscal year 2014 tax bills.

Largest Taxpayer

Assessed taxable valuation now stands at \$1,891,256,130. The largest taxpayer in Lewiston is Central Maine Power due to ongoing investment in Lewiston as part of the *Maine Power Reliability Project*.

Top Five Assessed Valuations for FY2014

1. Central Maine Power	\$89,025,230
2. Wal-Mart	\$82,341,000
3. Brookfield White Pines Hydro	\$65,618,480
4. Lepage Bakeries, Inc.	\$23,180,020
5. Unutil	\$21,207,740

City Clerks

Kathy Montejo, City Clerk

MUNICIPAL ELECTION - November 5, 2013

Candidates for Municipal Office

MAYOR

Laurent F. Gilbert, Sr.
Robert E. Macdonald

CITY COUNCIL

Ward 1

John T. Butler, Jr.
Leslie T. Dubois

Ward 2

Donald A. D'Auteuil

Ward 3

Nathan L. Libby

Ward 4

Doreen M. Christ
Darcy G. Reed

Ward 5

Kristen S. Cloutier
Charles A. Soule
Richard L. White

Ward 6

Mark A. Cayer

Ward 7

Richard R. Desjardins



SCHOOL COMMITTEE

At Large

Zam Zam Mohamud
Cynthia M. Mendros

Ward 1

Linda M. Scott

Ward 2

Paul R. St. Pierre
Stavros J. Mendros

Ward 3

Trinh C. Burpee

Ward 4

James R. Handy

Ward 5

None

Ward 6

Dawn M. Hartill
Matthew P. Roy

Ward 7

Thomas P. Shannon



Finance

Heather Hunter, Director

Preliminary FY13 Year-End Financial Report

Preliminary year-end financial reports for the 2013 fiscal year are now available. These reports provide an early indication of how we ended the fiscal year from a revenue and expenditure, budget-to-actual basis for the General Fund and a cashflow basis for the Water, Sewer, and Storm-Water Enterprise Funds. These reports are preliminary and unaudited because we have yet to incorporate the school's financial information and finalize all year-end accruals. There is also potential for other entries to be made as other municipal funds are finalized in preparation for the audit. Such entries, as well as accounting for the various other municipal funds, will be completed prior to the beginning of the annual audit scheduled for October 15th.

General Fund

All General Fund information encompasses the municipal side only as educational information is not yet available. To date for FY13, total revenues earned are \$61,071,857 or \$61,006 above our budgetary projection. Last year's collections (FY12) amounted to \$60,191,087 or \$855,891 above our estimate. Specific revenue line items that are worthy of note are:



- **Current real and personal property tax collections, including the Homestead and BETE reimbursements**, amounted to \$46,738,212 or 97.6% of the \$47,868,394 budget estimate. This is slightly below FY12's collection rate of 98.1%. Collection of delinquent real and personal property taxes totaled \$1,376,410, exceeding the current year shortfall by \$245,781. These amounts are expected to fluctuate slightly after the 60-day accrual is recorded.
- **Excise tax on motor vehicles** exceeded the budgetary estimate by \$201,606. During the budget process, the City increased the FY13 budgetary line item by \$35,000 to \$3,635,000. The City is finally experiencing an upturn in this important revenue source.
- **Licenses and permits** exceeded budgetary projections by \$60,465 and totaled \$359,835 for the current year compared to \$338,645 for FY12.
- **Intergovernmental revenues on the municipal side** were under projection by \$532,466, and totaled \$5,554,489 compared to \$5,633,393 received in the prior year. The City increased FY13's State **General Assistance reimbursement** by \$538,725 reflecting our best guess estimate of the local impact of anticipated changes in the **state's Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF)**. The number of individuals seeking additional general assistance services fell well below the initial estimate; therefore, additional reimbursed expenditures from the State were not received. **State Revenue Sharing** of \$4,187,759 essentially remained flat between the two fiscal years yet produced a budget surplus in the current year of \$137,759. **State Truck Reimbursements** of \$28,670 produced a \$13,670 surplus. The City also received a \$30,000 **state grant to assist victims with relocation costs** due to the string of fires in downtown Lewiston. Revenues received from this grant are a direct reimbursement of expenditures. As of year-end, the City was reimbursed for \$12,073 of relocation costs.

- **Charges for services** totaled \$1,212,213, falling below the budgetary estimate of \$1,278,815, and prior year's actual results of \$1,324,973. All **services offered by the Solid Waste Facility** fell below projections by \$61,643. The City offered a 30-day punch pass to remove all rubbish and bulky items in the downtown area in the wake of the string of fires. Through this program, the Solid Waste Facility processed over 172 tons of waste at a cost of \$16,340, which correlates to a deficit of \$9,500 in the sale of punch passes and \$24,507 tipping fees experienced. **Vital statistics & burial permits** posted a budget deficit of \$10,488 and fell \$15,589 below last year's actual. Total **daily parking revenue** exceeded projections by \$10,640.
- **Fines and forfeits** produced a slight deficit of \$2,451, actual results of \$197,248; fell below prior year's results of \$205,063. Changes to the winter parking program continue to negatively impact parking violation revenues.
- **Interest, rents, and royalties** posted a surplus of \$5,785; however, total revenues decreased by \$16,166 from 2012. Interest rates continue to remain low and by now the long-term, **higher yielding certificates of deposit** have matured, producing a loss of interest income of \$52,314 between fiscal years. This loss of revenue was mitigated by additional monthly parking revenue of \$105,552 over estimates and a \$37,115 increase from the prior year.
- **Other Revenues** exceeded projections by \$20,000, but due to the decline in the recyclable materials market, fell \$119,870 from fiscal year 2012. The receipt of Maine Municipal Association's insurance dividend check of \$33,334 directly attributed to the surplus in this revenue category.

With the majority of fiscal year 2013's accounts payable invoices processed, City expenditures and encumbered funds totaled \$41,747,027 compared to \$42,141,915 in FY12, producing an expenditure surplus of \$2,030,763 or 4.64% below total budgetary estimates. Almost half (\$960,717) of the expenditure surplus is attributed to anticipated General Assistance services needed due to changes in the TANF program that didn't come to fruition as noted above. Material areas of expenditures that warrant highlighting are outlined below. At various times, you will see references made to "encumbering" balances. Consistent with prior years, departments make requests to carry forward surplus balances to the new year for a specific purpose or to accumulate funds for a single purpose. GAAP accounting does not consider encumbered balances as expenditures because the goods or services have not been performed or received.

- **General Government** expenditures were less than budgetary estimates by \$119,404, totaling \$2,864,886. Significant surpluses are noted in **Legal** (\$35,138); **Management Information Services** (12,111) attributed to reduced maintenance and support costs; **City Hall** and **Violations Bureau** (\$22,237) in utilities savings; and \$41,927 in **Parking Structures** also through utility and snow removal savings.
- **Public Safety** charges totaled \$12,329,646 resulting in an overall deficit of \$29,997. Surpluses in the **Police Department** of \$48,068, **Protective Inspections** of \$2,004, and **Other Protection** of \$3,716 were primarily produced by savings in overtime, insurance, and repairs. The **Fire Department** had a budgetary deficit of \$83,754 as was to be expected given the additional costs incurred when the department was called upon to fight a three-building multi-unit structure fire; a brush fire located over a one-mile hike in from the roadway; a second four-building, multi-unit and garage structure fire; and a third, two-building, multi-unit structure fire all within a one-week timeframe. The department incurred \$46,985 in additional overtime and \$15,352 in costs associated with fire suppression and supplies needed to secure vacant buildings. The individual apparel account was \$75,980 over budget reflecting costs incurred from the contract settlement.

- **Public Works'** total expenditures amounted to \$7,084,027, or 98.3% of budget, producing a surplus of \$124,192. Of that total, the department has requested to encumber \$150,823 for infrastructure improvements and other maintenance needs. In spite of the harsh winter, a \$178,037 surplus in snow removal is the driving force behind the department's surplus. Additional vehicle rental charges and costs for signage repairs produced a \$78,933 deficit in the Highway Division. Savings in utilities and contractual services provided the **Street Lighting and Sanitation Divisions** surpluses. The **Municipal Garage Division** incurred a \$62,244 deficit, of which \$90,925 results from reduced rental and repair charges to other municipal departments and quasi-governmental organizations. This loss was tempered by savings in vehicle repairs and parts of \$27,305.
- **Cultural and Recreation** contributed \$46,857 to the overall expenditure surplus with **Library** providing \$52,884 resulting from personnel vacancies.
- The City had a budget surplus of \$259,712 in **Debt Service** and reduced the debt burden by \$1,365,927 between fiscal years. The savings in interest represents the current year's share of the \$3.73 million savings from refunding five bond issues back in February. **As you may recall, the combined \$52.4 million bond package was the largest bond sale in the City's history.**
- The **Miscellaneous** category, which includes **health and general insurances, employer's share of retirement plans, and contingency**, fell below budgetary estimates by \$549,654. Total Miscellaneous amounted to \$5,037,689 compared to \$5,105,109 last year. Lower than estimated **health insurance costs, medical reimbursement savings, and general liability premiums** produced a \$102,145 surplus. Savings in **retirement costs**, including a reduction in the City **Pension Plan**, created a \$391,138 savings. The ability to tap into savings from **various position vacancies** afforded us the ability to forego utilization of the salary reserve and contingency at \$63,285.

Enterprise Funds

Preliminary financial reports for the Water, Sewer, and Stormwater are reported on a cashflow basis in order to focus on the results of noncapital operating revenues and expenditures.



- The **Water Department's** cash reserves decreased by \$138,580 compared to the estimated budgeted decrease of \$237,804. **Consumption revenue** fell slightly above projections by \$3,841, which was assisted by additional revenues received from misc. income and billing for outside jobbings of \$61,580. **Expenditure cost containment** provided a cash savings of \$33,094 in overall operating and capital costs. Savings in **personnel costs** (\$27,117) and **debt service** due to the refunding (\$60,689) offset operating and capital cost deficits. Additional costs of purchased power (\$39,353) provided the lion's share of the \$49,861 operational deficit.
- The **Sewer Department** increased its cash reserves by \$283,593, well above the budgeted projected deficit of \$118,163. This influx of cash permitted the utility to conclude the year in a positive cash position of \$1,042,589 compared to a predicted balance of \$640,832. Additional metered revenues of \$164,775 and billable jobbings of \$31,575 resulted in surplus revenues of \$195,563. Operating costs amounted to \$4,954,585 or \$206,193 below estimates. **Payments to the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority** fell \$106,744 below the budgeted \$2,659,046.
- **Stormwater operations** provided \$340,555 of additional cash resources compared to the budgeted increase of \$66,845. Total revenues produced a budget surplus of \$59,399. Savings

from operations of \$187,267 and debt service of \$25,433 attributed to the \$214,311 net savings in cash.

Based upon the preliminary numbers, the City increased its fund balance by approximately \$2.1 million (City/side only). This substantial expenditure savings will more than provide the necessary \$1,519,950 funds needed to cover the capital appropriation for FY2014 from fund balance. Therefore, the election has been made to encumber those funds in FY2013. An overall fund balance is still anticipated to increase over its FY2012 level.



Human Resources

Jackie Little, Director



36 Oak Street

The Vision of Human Resources...

A partnership where all employees and leadership are valued and supported.

Fire & PD Exams

In June, HR administered Fire promotional exams to 13 applicants for Fire Lieutenant and 10 applicants for Fire Captain to determine an eligibility list for future promotions.

In September, we will be administering Police promotional exams for Police Sergeant and Lieutenant, once again to determine an eligibility list for future promotions.

Senator Susan Collins pays tribute to the Lewiston Fire Department



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LEWISTON FIREFIGHTERS

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President. In one terrifying week this spring, Lewiston, Maine, my state's second-largest city, was attacked by arsonists who destroyed nine buildings and left hundreds of people homeless. I rise today in tribute to the firefighters of Lewiston, who answered those cruel attacks with skill and courage, and who saved their city with no loss of life or serious injury.

We have always had a deep respect and admiration for our firefighters and first responders. In recent years, however, the American people have been reminded of the vital protections they provide to our communities. From the Twin Towers in 2001 to the Boston Marathon in 2013, we have seen these heroes rush into danger that others flee. We have seen them risk their lives to save the lives of others.

That is precisely what the people of Lewiston have seen since their first Fire Company was established in 1849. Through the years, fire has claimed textile and lumber mills, stores and schools, homes and even City Hall, yet never has a fire, no matter how fierce, been allowed to spiral out of control into a conflagration. The willingness of the people of Lewiston to always rebuild is testament to the confidence they have that their valiant firefighters will protect their property and their lives.

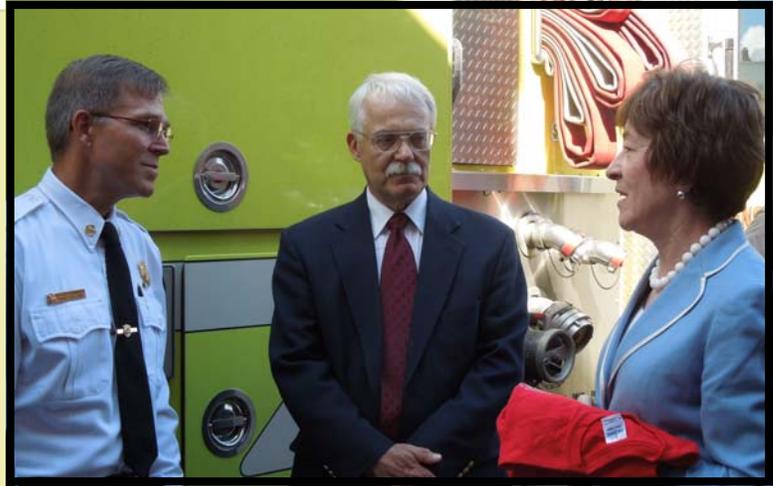
That protection comes at a high price. The Lewiston Firefighters Memorial bears the names of nine men who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Today, under the leadership of Fire Chief Paul LeClair and International Association of Firefighters Local 785 President Rick Cailler, the Lewiston Fire Department is recognized as one of the best in Maine, known for its professionalism, efficiency, and dedication. In the special language of the firefighter community, the Lewiston firefighters are considered "the toughest Jakes on the job."

They are tough yet filled with community spirit and compassion. Through the generosity of its members, the Local 785 Community Fund sponsors youth sports teams, charities, and the arts, and provides children in need with Christmas toys. Their annual "Fill the Boot" campaign raises many thousands of dollars for the fight against Muscular Dystrophy.

America's firefighters play a vital role in the security of our nation and the safety of our people. Whether it is in response to a terrorist attack, a natural disaster or a fire, Americans rely on our firefighters, and our firefighters always answer the call. The firefighters of Lewiston, Maine, are a shining example of that commitment, and I join the people of their city in saluting them.

*With appreciation for your
commitment to a great city!
Senator Susan Collins*



Pictured above is Senator Susan Collins presenting Chief Paul LeClair with a Congressional Sentiment in recognition of the department's dedication and commitment to the City of Lewiston, its citizens, and their safety. Also pictured is the Senator with City Administrator Ed Barrett and Chief LeClair discussing the dangers and devastating after effects from the fires of April 29th, May 3rd, and May 6th. All three fires were set by arsonists destroying a total of nine buildings and displacing almost 200 people from their homes.



Pictured above is Senator Collins presenting President Rick Cailler (I.A.A.F.-Local 785) with an American flag that was flown over the U.S. Capital. The Senator praised the firefighters for their dedication to their profession as well as the generosity of the Local 785 Community Fund which supports many local organizations and charities. Pictured left is the Senator with LFD firefighters, Chief LeClair, City Administrator Ed Barrett, and Mayor Bob Macdonald. The firefighters presented the Senator with a LOCAL 785 red shirt. The red shirts are worn every Friday by firefighters in honor of our military troops who are serving to protect our country.



Planning & Code Enforcement

Gil Arsenault, Director

Planning Board

On August 26th, the Board voted to send a favorable recommendation for the City Council's consideration to amend the Zoning and Land Use Code to permit tattoo establishments as a conditional use in the Highway Business District (they are currently permitted as a conditional use in the Community Business district). The amendment also includes eliminating the 300-foot separation distance from tattoo establishments to churches, chapels, or parish houses, public or private schools, school dormitories, and dwellings located in residential districts.

Staff Review Committee

On August 1st, the Committee granted site plan review approval for Main Street Affordable Auto, LLC to operate an auto repair facility at 739 Main Street.

Enforcement Action

During the month of August, five solid waste civil penalties were issued.



PERMIT ACTIVITY

AUGUST 2013

- ◇ 44 building permits with a reported value of \$1,263,836 (one new single-family home was permitted)
- ◇ 9 plumbing permits
- ◇ 42 electrical permits

AUGUST 2012

- ◆ 56 building permits were issued with a reported value of \$1,970,628 (one new single-family home was permitted)
- ◆ 11 plumbing permits
- ◆ 34 electrical permits

The highest reported dollar value building permit was \$497,000 in renovations to Chase Hall located at Bates College.

Police

Mike Bussiere, Chief

Statistics

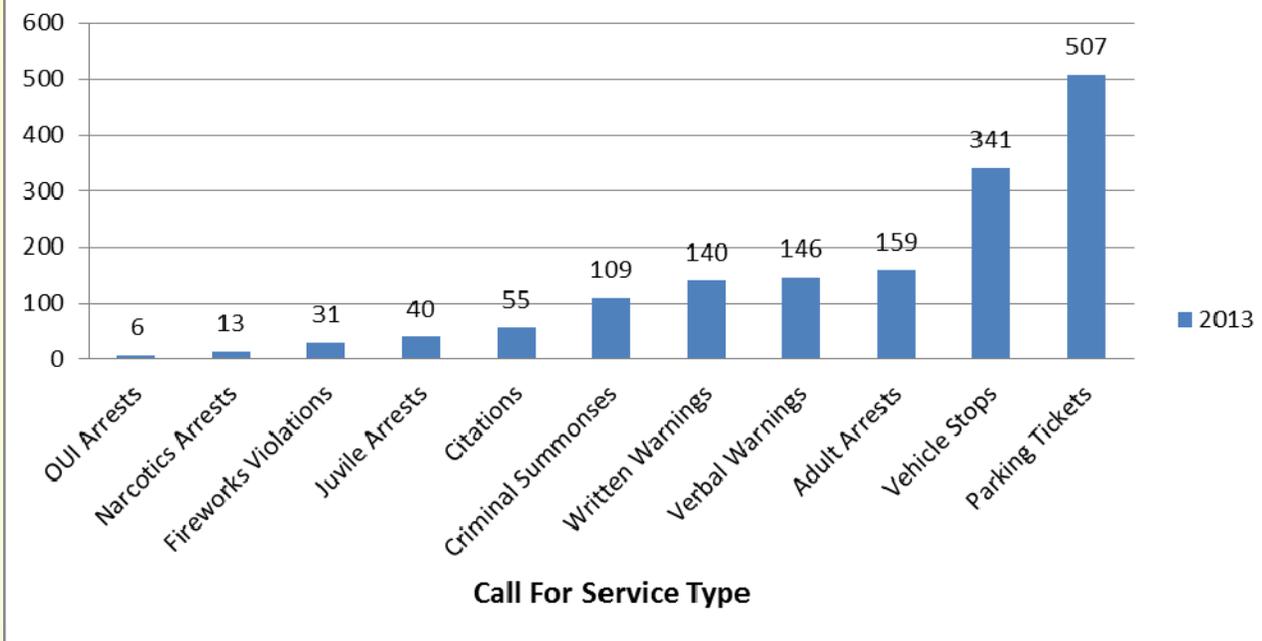
Below is a breakdown of the 3,400 Calls for Service (CFS) initiated in August of this year:



Calls For Service	2013
Total CFS	3,400
Vehicle Stops	341
Citations	55
Written Warnings	140
Verbal Warnings	146
Adults Arrests	159
Juvenile Arrests	40
Criminal Summonses	109
Narcotics Arrests	13
OUI Arrests	6
Parking Tickets	507
Fireworks Violations	31



Calls for Service August 2013





Sergeant Ullrich and Officers Griffin and Philippon, with local youth, went to Augusta. A warm thank you to Senator Craven for making it possible to tour the State House! The day adjourned after a visit to the Maine State Museum.



LPRA BBQ

On August 16, the Lewiston Police Department hosted a BBQ celebrating those who had worked for and retired from the department.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- The Geiger Brothers Wellness Fair was attended by Sergeant Ullrich and Officers Philippon and Griffin. Geiger employees had the opportunity to use a texting and driving simulator as a means of education regarding the dangers of texting while driving.
- Local youth, accompanied by officers, went to Reid State Park.
- Detective Brochu organized Lewiston's National Night Out at Marcotte Park. Under Detective Brochu's supervision, this year's National Night Out was another successful event and served over 1,000 participants!
- Several officers attended National Night Out on August 6th. Also in attendance was Sergeant Whalen who brought with him Lewiston Police Department's personnel carrier and robot; Sergeant Whalen was available for the duration of the evening to answer questions.
- Corporal Thomas Murphy volunteered a total of 4 1/2 hours of his time this month. 1 1/2 of which was teaching safety to 12-16 year olds at Lewiston CrossFit; 3 hours devoted to two Liquor Enforcement meetings.
- Officers Bourgoin and C. Johnson attended the River Valley Block Party held on August 15.

TRAINING

- Several officers attended a full-day HAZMAT training; Sergeant Whalen, on August 15th, conducted WMD HAZMAT training, with the Army National Guard at Geiger Elementary School.
- Sergeants Ullrich and Chick attended a training regarding event security planning that was offered to public safety officials.
- Officer Jason Johnson volunteered his time to attend a 24-hour training at Hammer Four. The training was for precision shooting.
- Officer Nathan Hood attended an 8-hour in-service K-9 training.
- Officer Kevin Gagne attended an 8-hour active shooter training.
- Officers Weirs and Stanton and Corporal Vierling attended 24-hour Mossberg Armorer School training on August 26 which was conducted at the Lewiston Police Department.
- Officer Avery and Corporal Vierling attended Verbal Judo training held at the Portland Police Department.
- Officer Gagne and Corporal Vierling attended a training regarding Tactical Movement for Patrol in Westbrook.

Public Works

David Jones, Director

The weather finally turned great with a terrific Balloon Festival, and construction finally hit high gear in August. We will be busy through October trying to finish projects that got a late start this summer. We appreciate the patience of the public having to travel through and around all of the construction sites within the City. Here are some specifics for work addressed during the month:

Street/Road & Sidewalk Improvement Projects Contracted Projects

The following contracted projects are either already under construction or will be soon:

- ◇ Walnut Street rehab and sidewalk improvements (Bates Street to Howe Street), L.P. Poirier is the contractor, and construction is continuing;
- ◇ Route 126 Sabattus Street traffic signal improvements (Main Street to Pond Road), A.D. Electric is the contractor and work is well underway on this \$682,114 project (100% state and federal funds);
- ◇ New Freedom Grant - Park Street (Oak Street to Ash Street) sidewalk and ADA access, J. Pratt is the contractor and MDOT is managing this project. Work on the project was completed this month and the new sidewalks look great!
- ◇ Main Street Route 202/11/100 highway improvements Memorial Avenue to Stetson Road (0.57 mile) with replacement of Stetson Bridge. Project is scheduled for 2014 construction;
- ◇ Maine Turnpike Authority contract to upgrade the Old Lisbon Road bridge - construction is ongoing, and the bridge will be closed until November;



Old Lisbon Rd Bridge 8-30-13

- ◇ Street paving this month included a shim on Grove Street (Pond Road to Raymond Avenue), binder on College Street (Russell Street to Little Street), and binder and surface on Goddard Road (near the turnpike overpass);



College St (Little to Russell) 8-30-13

The crews completed the following work:

- ◇ Pre and post work for the 2013 Great Falls Balloon Festival. This large annual event takes two crews a full week to both set up and tear down;
- ◇ Paving was installed on Goddard Road under the turnpike overpass, addressing the drainage issues at this location;
- ◇ General pavement patching at 24 locations and ongoing pot-hole patrol;
- ◇ Maintenance street sweeping and catch-basin cleaning continues throughout the summer/fall;
- ◇ Storm drains were repaired in five locations;
- ◇ Old Farm Road mini-rehab, in-house crews installed three catch-basins and 740 feet of 10" underdrain pipe and have prepped ~ 800 feet of the roadway for new pavement (scheduled for September);

- ◇ Grove Street to Pond Road to Gina Street was shim-paved and prepped for surface paving in early September;
- ◇ The Arborist crew planted 21 trees with 14 of them in the downtown area in conjunction with the Downtown Neighborhood Action Committee. The crew also pruned trees at 16 locations around the city;
- ◇ Completed the installation of 14 benches and 8 trash receptacles in Kennedy Park;
- ◇ Park maintenance including playing field mowing and grooming, closing the pool for the fall, daily maintenance of the skate park, and sidewalk vacuums in the downtown area;
- ◇ Roadside mowing and street traffic marking continued with crosswalks especially around schools taking priority before the start of school;
- ◇ Various planting and maintenance of flower beds and green spaces around the City;

Water, Sewer, and Stormwater

Upcoming Construction Projects

The following projects are nearing design completion and expected to be advertised in the next few months:

- ◆ We continue with our increased sampling efforts at Lake Auburn, and so far we have not seen a recurrence of the algae issue we had last summer (*knock on wood*)! This is likely because of the cloudy, rainy, and cooler summer we have had this year compared to 2012. We are prepared to act if this changes and an algae bloom threatens the lake again;
- ◆ Work began in July on the Oak Street sewer & stormwater improvements, St. Laurent & Son, \$1,279,259. This is a very deep excavation, but work is progressing well;
- ◆ Jepson Brook Phase 3 of the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) sewer and storm-water project (south side of Sabattus Street (Genest Street to Wildwood Drive), Longchamps & Sons, \$597,335, with work well underway;

The Water-Sewer crews completed the following:

- ◆ Replaced the 8" water line and installed new 8" and 12" storm drains for CSO separation on Ware Street and Benson Street (*pictured below*)



New Storm Drain on Benson St off Ware

- ◆ Many hours were spent cleaning and disinfecting the water reservoirs at Ferry Road and assisting in the installation of vortex circulators to improve chlorine distribution within the tanks;
- ◆ Responded to 27 customer concerns and 204 Dig Safe requests;
- ◆ Continued working with contractors on water main shut downs, temporary water services, and work associated with the CSO projects on Oak Street and the Jepson Brook projects;
- ◆ Ongoing sewer flushing, gate valve cleaning and operation program, meter reading, and replacement program.

Buildings

- The exterior windows at City Hall and the Library were cleaned. The next project is rehabilitation of the Pole Barns at Public Works including some structural repairs and painting the roofs;
- The Parking Garage crew continued with power-washing all stairwells and will be finishing the Lincoln Street and Chestnut Street garages soon.

- The Parking Garage crew also addressed graffiti in some of the garages;
- Haskall & Hall contractors are nearly complete with their work to clean and repoint brick work on the Library and it looks great!

Solid Waste

- * The crew began the extended summer hours on Saturday supported by the City Council in the FY2014 budget. These extended Saturday hours will continue until October, then resume again next spring.



Recreation

Maggie Chisholm, Director

Activity, Events, and Meetings at the Armory

Lewiston Senior Citizens

- ◆ Monthly Board meetings
- ◆ Weekly card games
- ◆ Weekly Cribbage & Pinochle
- ◆ Bi-monthly Bingo



Other

- ◆ Franco-American War Veterans and Auxiliary Post 31 monthly meeting
- ◆ American Legion Post 22
- ◆ VFW Post 9150 monthly meeting
- ◆ GOP monthly meeting
- ◆ Lewiston Democrats meeting
- ◆ Lewiston Police Athletic League monthly meeting
- ◆ Andy Valley Softball meetings
- ◆ EID Prayer
- ◆ Camp Smiles

Scheduled Park Events

- ◆ Simard Payne Park - Balloon Festival
- ◆ Dufresne Plaza - L/A Arts
- ◆ Marcotte Park - National Night Out
- ◆ Lincoln/Main Street & Kennedy Park - Farmers Market *(Pictured to the above)*



Farmers Market at Lincoln & Main Streets

2013 Summer Programs

There are various programs offered throughout the summer for youth and adult to register and participate in. The following programs continued through the second week of August:

- ◆ Camp Smiles & Kennedy Park Aquatics *(Breakfast/Lunch served through the Lewiston Nutrition Program)*
- ◆ Tennis - youth instructional & adult league
- ◆ Co-ed basketball, Tuesdays & Thursdays
- ◆ Softball - adult leagues
- ◆ Track & Field practices, meets, and state championships
- ◆ Community Soccer programs
- ◆ Wednesdays in the Park Program—The Veayo Twins music for teens

Scheduled Athletic Events

- ◆ FLY football at Montello & LAP
- ◆ Rec Department summer sports
- ◆ ASA modified
- ◆ Lewiston Middle School Football at LAP
- ◆ Lewiston Middle School Field Day at LAP
- ◆ Senior Legion Baseball League
- ◆ Track & Field senior series
- ◆ John Murphy Homes
- ◆ Bridge Run
- ◆ Lewiston High School: girls & boys Junior Varsity & Varsity Soccer, Cross Country, Cheering, and Junior Varsity & Varsity Field Hockey

WELLNESS INFO & UPDATES

L/A paddle after work on the Androscoggin enjoyed by six employees on August 14th



Below is a Testimony from Timothy Earle, City of Lewiston IT Director:

“What a great idea! I had my doubts, at first, about being on the river, having lived here all my life. I remember years ago holding my breath to cross the bridge. But I must say, we had fun, got some exercise, and enjoyed a beautiful evening. We did the loop; loop is leaving the launch heading up to the falls and then going down to the New Auburn bridge and paddling back up. The loop took about an hour or so. We were home by 7:00 pm or so. I think people who did not attend really missed out on a great evening. Maybe next time.”

The Wellness Team works together to come up with ideas of different activities that employees and their families can enjoy.

Please feel free to contact any of the Team Wellness members with ideas for future events:

- Joyce Ruby - Fire
- Mike Laliberte - Fire
- Heather Hunter - Finance
- Peter Parker - MIS
- Janet Labbe - Admin
- Don Mailhot - Admin
- Sandy Brown - PD
- Jim Ward - PW
- Kevin Gagne - PW
- Heather Small - HCE



2013 Wellness Challenge ^{ROUND} **Weigh-In 2**
Get Lean for the Holidays!

City employees were given another opportunity to get healthy by participating in the second weight loss challenge.

The program is running from:

August 10th - October 16th...

Stay tuned for the announcement of the “biggest loser”



The [new calendar](#) for **OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, and DECEMBER** is being worked on and will include fun events, opportunities to learn about and participate in Yoga, the start of new Zumba classes, and much more!





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IDENTIFY OSTEOPOROSIS

BEFORE IT AFFECTS **YOUR** QUALITY OF LIFE.

During childhood, adolescence and early adulthood, when the skeleton is growing, it is vitally important to maximise bone strength. You can do this by taking plenty of weight bearing exercise and eating a well balanced calcium rich diet.

Lifestyle changes and keeping active can help to prevent osteoporosis. Drug treatments, to strengthen bones are available for those at risk of fracture.

Why measure bone density?

It has traditionally been difficult to pinpoint which individuals have fragile bones. Osteoporosis can now be diagnosed prior to bones breaking, giving individuals the opportunity to take treatments and adopt lifestyle changes which will then reduce your overall risk of future fractures and breaks.



Who should have a scan?

Example of those at highest risk

- People with poor diet, heavy smokers and those with above average alcohol intake
- People who have already broken a bone
- Those of a petite stature / frame
- People who are taking long-term oral steroids
- People suffering from chronic fatigue, PMS and HIV infection
- Women who have had their menopause or ovaries removed, before the age of 45
- Women who had a history of missed menstrual periods
- Men with low testosterone levels
- Men or women with immune problems
- Sufferers of thyroidism
- Women whose own mothers may have suffered broken hips

There are many measures that may be taken to reduce the risks of osteoporosis. The earlier that these measures are taken the more likely it is to prevent the onset of osteoporosis.

'Osteoporosis is not a part of the ageing process. It is preventable; take care of your bones, before it's too late.'

Act now to secure a fit and healthy future

