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**LEWISTON:** Councilor Doreen Christ, who currently represents Lewiston's Ward 4, has tendered her resignation effective September 30, 2014. Now employed by the City of Portland along with winter seasonal work in Freeport, Christ states the need to reside closer to her employment. Christ has served on the Lewiston City Council from 2012 to present, and the constituent area encompassing Ward 4 can be viewed at: [www.lewistonmaine.gov/wardmap](http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/wardmap) (enlarge map to view).

Christ notes, ***"It is with regret that I need to resign, but because of my increasing obligations with my new position, I cannot serve and represent the constituents of Ward 4 in the manner that I would like. I am out of town and not accessible all day long; therefore, I do not have the response time to effectively commit to my constituents and simply cannot keep traveling back and forth."***

The Lewiston City Council will discuss how to proceed as to filling Christ's unexpired term at its September 9<sup>th</sup> workshop. However, by City Charter, Council vacancies that occur with more than one (1) year remaining prior to the next regular election must be filled by a special election.

Mayor Macdonald commended Christ's service, ***"Councilor Christ has been a long-time resident of Lewiston and has served her community well. We are sorry to see her leave; however, we wish her well as she pursues her career aspirations."***

Christ fondly reflects upon her years in Lewiston, ***"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in Lewiston, both raising my son here and being able to achieve what I have here. Lewiston is a great small city to reside in. There are all kinds of opportunities here; you just need to go venture out to find them. I have learned a lot in the past 25 years of residency here."***

Christ also previously worked for the City of Lewiston in Planning & Code Enforcement from 1998 – 2008.

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