

City of Lewiston

OCTOBER 2014

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



KENNEDY PARK GAZEBO - GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

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KENNEDY PARK GAZEBO GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

On the morning of October 14, Kennedy Park was the site for the bandstand groundbreaking and donor recognition ceremony. The soon-to-be transformed historic multi-use structure was the focus of the event with renderings of the historic use and future beauty of the bandstand.

Mayor Macdonald was quoted as saying, *“Lewiston has a wealth of opportunities and offerings, and once the bandstand project is completed, the site will provide our community with additional possibilities for the future.”*

According to history of the gazebo written by local historian Douglas Hodgkin, the first bandstand was built in the park in 1868 but the current gazebo was built in 1925. Since then, it’s been used for concerts and band performances as well as political rallies for local, Maine and national candidates.

The gazebo has been closed and fenced off since 2010 due to safety concerns—damage to the concrete floor of the structure as well as erosion on the brick supports and wear on the wooden columns and the wood structure under the roof.

The new plan calls for building a new structure similar to the park’s 1925 gazebo, but shorter: the 1925 gazebo’s floor was about five feet off of the ground and the new gazebo floor will be about two feet off the ground.

Elected officials, bandstand committee members, St. Mary’s Regional Medical Center, Hebert Construction, donors, city staff, and community members were lauded for the support in making this project a reality. The City of Lewiston’s web site has more info on the project:

<http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/newbandstand>

See Page 4 for pics of the ribbon cutting for the New Hampton Inn



Ribbon-Cutting Ceremonies also were part of October’s Happenings



The community will benefit from this new 1.5 mile bicycle-pedestrian path located at the corner of Whipple and Winter Streets in Lewiston (Sunnyside Park).





October 9th Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting
Hampton Inn at 15 Lincoln Street





DO YOU DO LEW

On October 27, 2014, the Lewiston Youth Advisory Council (LYAC) launched its public image campaign for Lewiston. It is meant to encourage people to **be themselves and to enjoy life in Lewiston . . . and to boost Lewiston's image.**



Nairus Abdullahi, LYAC Chair, stated, *"The Lewiston Youth Advisory Council is tired of people saying negative things about Lewiston. The words are hurtful and untrue. They imply that we are uneducated and unworthy of newcomers and business offers. Lewiston is a multi-faceted city that has a lot to offer. We have great diversity, programs, and social events that bring people together. Our mission is to end negativity about Lewiston. It is not fair that a city such as Lewiston has to suffer this verbal nonsense."*

LYAC Vice-Chair Margaruelle Seguin concurred, *"Now I've lived in Lewiston since I was three, but I've served on LYAC for two terms now and it was during that time that I discovered how great Lewiston really is. From continuous projects about cultural awareness to educating children about healthy lifestyles, we as group are dedicated to improving this great city. And it is a great city: art walks and balloon festivals, tasty local restaurants and low crime rates, upstanding colleges and even our own Lewiston High School - we truly have it all, located right here."*

LYAC debuted their new **DO YOU DO LEW** t-shirts, handed out bumper stickers, and followed up by distributing campaign window stickers to interested businesses. Since the launch, they have posted **"why I love Lewiston"** interview & on-the-street videos on YouTube under **"City of Lewiston, ME"** and are promoting their hashtag **#doyoudolew**. Next on their schedule is filming on December 4th for an upbeat documentary on Lewiston that will focus on five categories: *Education in Lewiston; Healthy Living in Lewiston; Owning a Business in Lewiston; Input from Lewiston Residents/Homeowners; and Arts & Entertainment in Lewiston.* **FMI please contact:** dottie@lewistonmaine.gov. A campaign t-shirt order form is available at <http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/tshirtorder>. The campaign is funded by LYAC's financial sponsor, the Lewiston Firefighters Association.

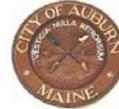


Twin Cities Holiday Celebration



CELEBRATION SPONSOR

Center Street Dental



December 3, 2014 – 6:00 PM

“PARADE OF LIGHTS”

ROUTE: From Auburn’s Great Falls Plaza parking area, will go to Turner Street; cross Court Street; head down Mechanics Row; go left onto Auburn’s Main Street (stop at Festival Plaza for Auburn’s tree lighting); go right onto Court Street; cross the Longley Bridge; go up Lewiston’s Main Street; take a right “**THE WRONG WAY**” onto Lisbon Street & proceed to Kennedy Park for below-noted festivities.

The Lisbon Street roadway will be decorated to accent the “Parade of Lights.”

END-OF-PARADE FESTIVITIES IN LEWISTON

Music by Dionne Entertainment

Float Judging

Highlighting of December Holidays

FREE Children’s Dental Bags from Center Street Dental

FREE Hot Chocolate & Munchkins

FREE Photo Finish Pictures with Santa & Mrs. Claus

Christmas Tree & Menorah Lighting

Costumed Characters

Pre-Parade Festivities

5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

FREE Wagon Rides by Stillbrook Acres

Begin at Pine Street Side of Kennedy Park, Lewiston

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

FREE Interactive Ballet Presentations, Lewiston Library, 200 Lisbon Street – Callahan Hall

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Sponsored by Auburn Public Library)

FREE Story Time at Auburn City Hall, 60 Court Street, Community Room #206

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (Sponsored by Auburn Public Library)

FREE Arts & Crafts at Auburn City Hall, 60 Court Street, Community Room #206

Special Thanks to Center Street Dental, Cote Crane, Photo Finish, Temple Shalom, Salvation Army, Dunkin Donuts, Sam’s, Pat’s Pizza, Buffalo Wild Wings, and the Twin Cities of Lewiston & Auburn

Event Facilitated By

Lewiston Downtown Holiday Celebration Committee and Auburn Business Association

NEW THIS YEAR: Check Out December Holidays in LA Events at
<http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/aholidays>

City Administrator

Edward A. Barrett

Acquisition of the Lewiston Canal System

The City has been involved in a lengthy process of attempting to gain ownership of the Lewiston Canal System. The system is approximately 1.5 miles in length and includes the main upper canal (4,400 feet long), the lower canal, and two cross canals. The effort to acquire the canals began about six years ago with discussions with the then owner of the system, FPL Energy Maine Hydro (FPL).

Canal ownership has been a specific priority of the City Councils elected in 2012 and 2014, is included in the City's Strategic Plan adopted in 2010, was recently reinforced by the recommendations of the Riverfront Island Master Plan, and is recommended in the draft of the City's new comprehensive plan. Throughout the development of these plans, there was broad based public support for the City taking ownership of the canals, restoring them, and making them a contributing element supporting our economic development and quality of place efforts.

Currently, none of the power stations fed from the canal system are generating electricity because the repair costs for the generators and related equipment exceeded the anticipated benefit.

The proposed agreement would:

- ◆ Ensure that the canals remain at historic water levels
- ◆ Provide the City with an asset, with an appraised (for tax purposes) value of about \$2.2 million
- ◆ Allow the City, as owner, to transition the canals from a fenced in eyesore to an amenity that can be enjoyed by the public and which will support the economic development of the area as outlined and recommended in the Riverfront Island Master Plan
- ◆ Remove Brookfield as a tenant in Mill 5, simplifying the ability to move forward with this building
- ◆ Transfer to the City other associated assets such as the red shop and the hydro facility located between Museum LA's future site and the river and allow for such assets to be repurposed
- ◆ Eliminate any direct financial payment to Brookfield unlike the prior agreement with FPL
- ◆ Reduce any immediate financial requirements on the City to undertake repairs to the system

The City Council may take action on this agreement at one of its meetings in December.

Council Accepts COP Grant

During this year's budget process, a number of vacant police officer positions were eliminated as part of a city-wide effort to hold the line on property taxes. At the same time, the City explored the potential of applying for a Community Oriented Policing Grant to allow some of these positions to be restored. We were successful in this effort. The U.S. Department of Justice has agreed to provide about two-thirds of the funding for up to three police officers for three years. The Council approved moving forward with hiring two officers in January and will consider whether to proceed with the third during the upcoming FY 16 budget process. These additional officers will allow us to increase our patrol division staffing, the first line of police response to emergencies.

Assessing

Joe Grube, Chief Assessor

South Lewiston Real Estate Reviews

Assessors have been doing on-going, state-mandated real estate reviews currently focusing on the South Lewiston area.



Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement (BETR)

BETR filings for reimbursement of personal property taxes continue with over 200 of eligible business taxpayers seeking reimbursement as of the end of October. The total amount of reimbursed taxes at this point totals over one million dollars!

Personal Property

Compilation of new potential 2015 personal property taxpayers is ongoing as well as verifying taxable 2014 status and issuing supplemental assessments if the property found was located in Lewiston on April 1, 2014.



City Clerks

Kathy Montejo, City Clerk

Fees

\$6 per year
(sprayed/neutered)

\$11 per year
(non-sprayed/
neutered)

LATE FEE

Per state law, any
dog re-licensing after
January 31 will incur
a **\$25 late fee**



**Current licenses expire
December 31, 2014**

About Licensing

Dog licensing ensures rabies vaccination, which protects the health of your pet. Residents should also know that by licensing their dog they are directly fighting animal cruelty and abuse. Most people do not realize that up to 90% of their dog license fees go directly to the Maine Animal Welfare Program. Dog license fees account for 95% of the State Animal Welfare Program's entire funding and without these fees, the state would be unable to protect the animals of this state.

All dogs six months and older must have a license. If you become the owner of a dog six months or older, the dog must be licensed by January of each year. In order to obtain a license for your dog, the owner must present a current State of Maine rabies certificate obtained from a veterinarian. This certificate will verify that your dog has received its rabies shot within the past two years.

Note: Although cats do not require a license, they must be vaccinated against rabies.

How to Obtain a License

To receive a license for your dog, please go to the City Clerk's office at City Hall during our business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. You may also relicense your dog through the mail: City Clerk's Office, 27 Pine Street, Lewiston, Maine 04240.

You must send a copy of a current, State of Maine rabies certificate along with a check payable to the "City of Lewiston" for the correct amount (see fees above). The license will be processed and material sent to you.

Renewing the License

All dog licenses expire December 31st of each year. Renewal of licenses for the following year can be done at the City Clerk's office beginning in November of each calendar year. Also, bring with you proof that a veterinarian has issued a written certificate stating the dog is incapable of producing young by spaying or neutering. If you have already shown proof to the department, then additional proof is not necessary.

Please feel free to contact the City Clerk's office at (207) 513-3124 with any questions you may have.

Economic & Community Development

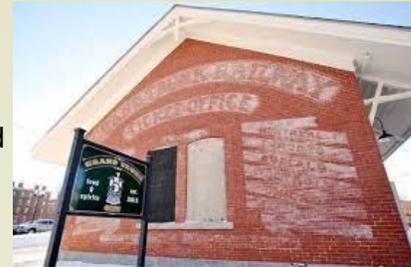
Lincoln Jeffers, Director

Growing Restaurant Scene



As winter begins its descent, enjoy the tastes of warmer climates at **Caribé Caribbean and American Restaurant**. Located at 81 College Street, **Caribé** serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Owned and operated by a native of Haiti, the tastes of the Caribbean are authentic.

The finishing touches are being done on the renovation of the former Grand Trunk Depot. The long anticipated **Rails Restaurant and Pub** will start serving food enthusiasts in December. The wide ranging and creative menu will be locally sourced as much as possible – with items “made from scratch, thoughtfully sourced.”



Maine Community Health Options Continues to Grow

With the roll out of the Affordable Care Act in 2014, MCHO captured over 80% of the individual health policies sold on the insurance exchange, surpassing their own projections. They have doubled their space in the Bates Mill from 10,000 s.f. to 20,000 s.f. and are in the midst of renovating more space at the mill. Employment is over 100 and continues to grow. They are now also approved to sell policies in New Hampshire.

Best Places to Work in Maine



Congratulations to local businesses that have earned a place on the 2014 list of Best Places to Work in Maine. They include, in the medium size business category, **FISC, Seniors Plus, Moody's Collision Center, Good Shepherd Food Bank,**

Mechanics Savings Bank, Androscoggin Bank, Harriman Associates, Bedard Pharmacy and Medical, and Thayer Corporation. In the large business category, kudos to **Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice, Geiger, Carbonite, and Kaplan University.** This recognition is especially noteworthy since the majority of the evaluation for the awards comes from employee surveys.

CDBG Consolidated Plan



Along with the other major service centers in Maine, Lewiston is designated as a Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Community. As such, the city receives a formula based allocation of CDBG funds each year. Recently, that amount has been approximately \$750,000 annually. As an Entitlement Community, Lewiston needs to develop a Consolidate Plan every five years that determines how CDBG dollars are best invested. By federal statute, CDBG funds must be invested to benefit low to moderate income people under three broad categories: decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities. Historically, Lewiston has invested in public infrastructure in the downtown census tracts (201-204), capitalized commercial and residential loan and grant programs, and provided funding to social service agencies that serve the target population. A seven member Citizens Advisory Board has held 3 public meetings to date to learn more about conditions and public concerns related to housing, public infrastructure, and economic development. Another public meeting is scheduled for December 10th at 6 pm at Auburn City Hall where the public service agencies are the topic of discussion. More information is available about the process at <http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/index.aspx?NID=651>

Alzheimer's Care

On November 10th, Governor LePage and local officials celebrated the groundbreaking for the \$6.5 million, 64-bed **Woodlands Senior Living Center**. Located in the Fairground Business Park across from the Lever's Daycare, the Alzheimer care facility will employ 40. They are working to start welcoming residents in late 2015.



Fire

Chief Paul LeClair



Monday, October 20th — 48 Maple Street Condition **RED** Structure Fire

The fire was contained to the first floor apartment. Luckily, the heat from the fire melted pex piping along an adjacent wall causing it to burst. Water under pressure from the pipe shot vertically against the ceiling creating a curtain of water over the burning couch which prevented the fire from spreading. No one was home at the time of the fire and the second and third floor apartments were vacant. The fire did not spread to the adjacent building which was only “inches” away. The cause of the fire was accidental - IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF SMOKING MATERIALS IN THE AREA OF THE COUCH.

There was significant heat, smoke, and water damage estimated at approximately \$100,000. The City electrical inspector and Lewiston CID assisted in the investigation

Monday, October 20th - 77 Rideout Avenue Electrical Short Fire

The fire occurred in a child's bedroom resulting from a combination of a loose connection in the electrical box and a child plugging in an electrical component pinching a portion of the curtain. The quick actions by the father using a portable fire extinguisher put the fire out before units arrived. The fire was determined to be accidental and damages were estimated at \$500.



Thursday, October 30th — 61 Howard Street Condition **RED** Structure Fire

The fire originated on the third floor causing heavy fire damage to the kitchen area and heat/smoke damage throughout the apartment. The extensive water damage to the second and first floors left all three apartments uninhabitable. A total of 12 occupants were displaced. The fire remains under investigation and damages were estimated at \$100,000.



Members of Local 785 Helping One of Their Own

Due to a medical condition, a recent retiree of the Lewiston Fire Department will spend months in a rehab facility fighting to regain his health and stamina. The journey is expected to be long and difficult. We wish him the best on his road to recovery.

Members of the LFD spent the day hauling and stacking seven cords of wood to ensure that their brother and his family would have peace of mind knowing that their source of heat supply was ready for the upcoming winter.

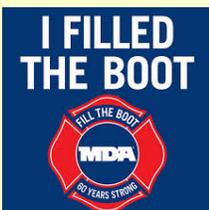
Firefighters are called brothers and sisters for this reason; it is more than just a job.

Happy 18th Birthday Derek

Since the age of 6, Derek Vintinner has been the LFD's MDA poster child. During his 12 years of friendship with the department, Derek has been an inspiration to us all. He faces this disease with tremendous courage, strength, and a with a contagious smile.

As the poster child, he assumes a leadership role as the State of Maine Ambassador for Muscular Dystrophy. Derek helped raise funds to ensure that kids like himself get the necessary medical care, braces and wheelchairs. At the young age of 13, his efforts to help others were recognized by the American Red Cross when he was named a 2010 "Real Hero."

His friendship continues with many of the LFD firefighters. He loves to keep in touch and keeps them up-to-date by texting them. We recently celebrated Derek's 18th birthday at Central Station with cake, ice cream, and lots of laughs. He was especially happy when Chief LeClair presented him a gift of a Lewiston Fire Department job shirt.



Local 785 has been a long time proud supporter of MDA - raising thousands of dollars for the cause. Their effort helps support the services provided and research with the hope of finding a cure for such a debilitating disease which attacks so many young lives every year.

Information Technology

Timothy Earle, Director

Information Technology

Staff responded to calls for application support and assistance, hardware maintenance, printing & graphic work, and troubleshooting various problems.

Munis Financial Conversion

The conversion from Pentamation for the City and ADP for the School Department to the Munis Application from Tyler Technologies is moving forward. Staff is working with the Lewiston School Department to set up end users, create a Dash-board, and to create and configure a Two-way Trust between the Domains at the City and the School Department. A Two-way Trusted Domain will allow School Department users access to the new Munis Server at City Hall without creating new accounts on the City Domain, reducing the staff time required to maintain two sets of end user IDs. This scope of work has been a large and unseen part of the project to most of those who will use the software. Unfortunately, the process was not as smooth as we had hoped or planned for. However, with IT staff from the City and School Department working together with the assistance of a Microsoft expert, the Two-way Trust is now up and running.

The City of Augusta had the same problem when they merged their City and School financial applications. They have not yet been able to get their Two-way Trust to work and have stated it's a management nightmare at times. Augusta's IT Director is planning to visit Lewiston to better understand how the Two-way Trust works.

The new Munis server is now live for Lewiston's utility billing (water and sewer). This is one of the first steps to migrating all of our financials to Munis.

EnerGov Major Upgrade

The City's existing EnerGov version underwent a major upgrade. EnerGov users from Code & Planning, City Clerks, Public Works, Administration, and Fire were all asked to test their specific module within the beta test site before going live with the upgraded version. EnerGov currently involves the following departments and/or offices: Code & Planning, City Clerks, Treasurers, Auditing, Administration, Fire, Police and Public Works.

Network Integrity

Lewiston's IT Department and Water Division staff recently met with Auburn's IT and Water & Sewer staff with regard to the security of the Wide-Area Network (WAN). This meeting was prompted by a National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center (NCCIC) ICS-Cert Alert, which is part of the Homeland Security Department. The alert had to do with a sophisticated malware campaign. Lewiston's IT Department immediately ran a network scan and found zero occurrences of Malware. During the first joint meeting, we realized policies were needed to provide additional security based upon Homeland Security's best practices. Additional meetings will be scheduled to implement such policies to create a secure Network.

October's report was written by Peter Parker, Computer Operations Specialist-GIS Analyst for the City of Lewiston.

GINGERBREAD FESTIVAL

Saturday, December 13 from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Callahan Hall

FREE Admission
All ages welcome!

Celebrating all
things gingerbread...



As families enter the library, they will be invited to follow a Story Walk outlining a favorite gingerbread tale. Families will follow the tale through the library up to Callahan Hall, where the Gingerbread Festival will be taking place.

Children and adults alike will be invited to create their own mock gingerbread house, decorate cookies, enjoy our cocoa bar, and more.

Guests of all ages are encouraged to try their luck at a trivia contest, both with adult and child-age divisions. Assorted gingerbread giveaways will be available, including house kits, bookmarks, and more.

The Gingerbread Festival is a free all-ages public event. For more information, contact the Children's Department at LPLKids@lewistonmaine.gov or (207) 513-3133.

Do you make your own gingerbread houses at home? If so, we would love to display your creation leading up to and at our Gingerbread Festival! Your decorated house can be a donation to the library or be returned to you after the event. For details or to arrange the display of your creation, please contact Danielle at (207) 513-3133, ext. 3504 or defortin@lewistonmaine.gov.

Planning & Code Enforcement

Gil Arsenault, Director

Planning Board

On October 20th, the Board conducted a special meeting and granted site plan review approval to Thayer Engineering Co. on behalf of Woodlands Senior Living of Lewiston, LLC for the construction of a 64-bed Alzheimer facility at 45 Mollison Way.

The Board took the following actions at the October 27th meeting:

- ◇ A favorable recommendation to the City Council was made on behalf of Denis Theriault to amend the Zoning and Land Use Code to conditionally rezone the property at 239 Bartlett Street from the Highway Business (HB) district to the Downtown Residential (DR) district. Mr. Theriault plans to convert some or all of his 239 Bartlett Street commercial plaza to single-family attached dwellings.
- ◇ Sheridan Corporation, on behalf of Federal Distributors, received approval for the construction of a 6,300 square foot warehouse addition to the existing building at 2019 Lisbon Street.
- ◇ A favorable recommendation to the City Council was made for the disposition of the City-owned property located at 10 College Street.
- ◇ The Board entertained a request to sell the City-owned land located at 154 Blake Street and made a recommendation that a request for proposal (RFP) for the sale and reuse of this property be initiated. Once proposals have been received, they are to be submitted to the Board for their review and recommendation to the City Council.



PERMIT ACTIVITY - OCTOBER 2014

- ◆ 62 building permits with a reported value of \$1,082,943 (two new single-family homes)
- ◆ 11 plumbing permits
- ◆ 49 electrical permits

There were no high-value building permits.

PERMIT ACTIVITY - OCTOBER 2013

- ◆ 37 building permits with a reported value of \$620,972 (no new single-family homes were permitted)
- ◆ 12 plumbing permits
- ◆ 42 electrical permits

The highest reported dollar value building permit was an interior renovation project in the amount of \$350,000 at 133 Lisbon Street.



Staff Review Committee

At the October 16th Staff Review Committee meeting, approval was granted to Rick's Swimming Pools, Inc. to construct a 40' x 60' warehouse at 1057 Sabattus Street.



Board of Appeals

On October 15th, the Board of Appeals granted a conditional use permit to Maine RSA #1 (U.S. Cellular) c/o KJK Wireless, LLC, for a rooftop installation of three panel antennas on the continental Mill located at 2 Cedar Street.



Enforcement Action

On October 7th, the City Council conducted condemnation hearings and ordered the demolition of the structures located at:

- 68 River Street
- 264 & 266 Lincoln Street



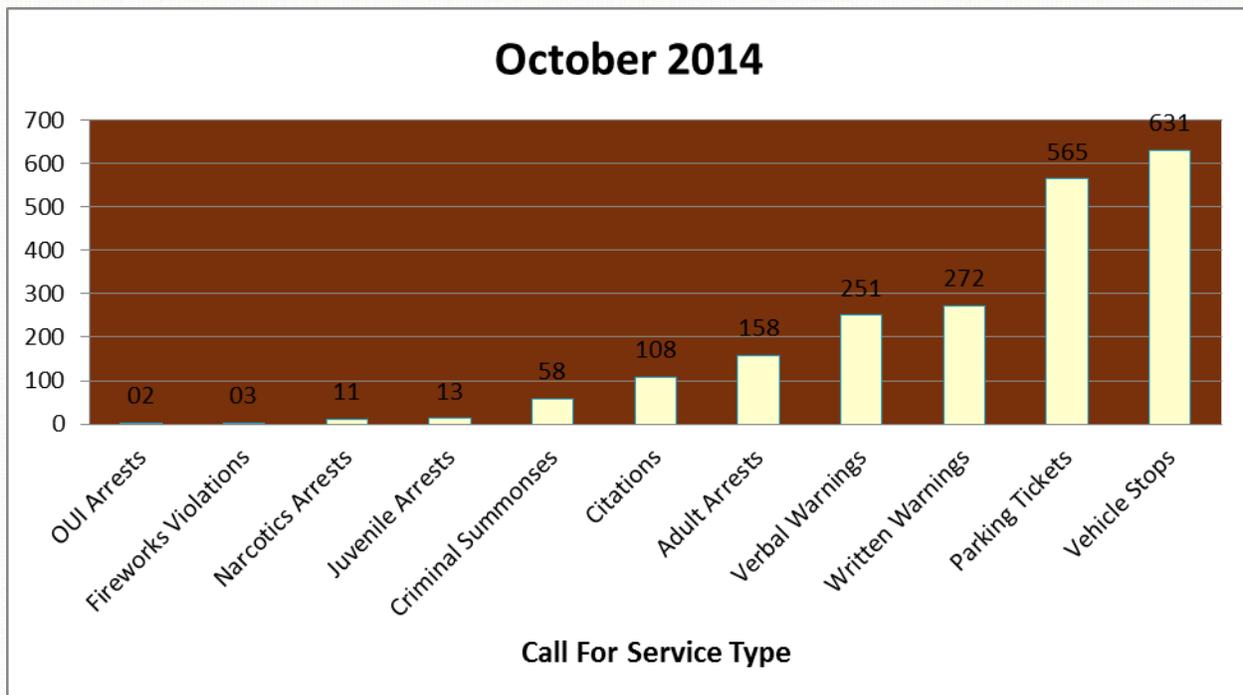
Police

Mike Bussiere, Chief

Statistics for October

In the month of October, the Lewiston Police Department responded to a total of 3,426 Calls for Service (CFS). The summary is below:

Calls For Service	10/2014
Total CFS	3,426
Vehicle Stops	631
Citations	108
Written Warnings	272
Verbal Warnings	251
Adult Arrests	158
Juvenile Arrests	13
Criminal Summonses	58
Narcotics Arrests	11
OUI Arrests	02
Parking Tickets	565
Fireworks Violations	03



Community Events

Domestic Violence Awareness

- ◆ Chief Bussiere, Sergeant Bradeen, and Domestic Violence Coordinator (DVC) D. Michaud attended a domestic violence vigil and participated in the walk from Auburn to Lewiston.
- ◆ Sergeants Bradeen, Chick, and Ullrich, DVC Michaud and Officers Griffin and Weaver attended a gathering on Howe Street at the location where Laudrinha Kubelso was recently killed.

The School Community

- ◆ School Resource Officer (SRO) C. Jacques spoke to History classes at Lewiston Middle School about civil rights and the First Amendment.
- ◆ PD staff volunteered on their days off at local schools: Detective Brochu and Officer Weaver volunteered at Montello School's Fall Festival. SRO Jacques and Officers Philippon and Weaver volunteered at the Farwell School's Annual Pumpkin Festival. A police cruiser was on display at both events.
- ◆ The week of October 27th, Sergeant Bradeen and Detectives Godbout and Murphy visited Geiger and Farwell Elementary Schools interacting with students during their lunch period.
- ◆ Officer Weaver met with students at Farwell School to discuss the job of police officers.
- ◆ Sergeant Ullrich attended the LRTC Law Enforcement program's Advisory Board meeting.

Safety-Related Meetings

- ◆ Detective Murphy attended a meeting regarding the beginnings of an organization whose focus is to address the effects of stress, adversity, and trauma on public safety and first responders.
- ◆ Officers Griffin and Weaver conducted a personal safety class at both Frye School Apartments and Safe Voices.

Other

- ◆ Officers Griffin and Philippon conducted a cultural orientation class at City Hall for new Maine residents.
- ◆ Various sworn personnel attended and played in a charity hockey game against the Boston Fire Department that was held in Boston.

Recruitment

- Officer Philippon instructed Community Relations at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.

Training

- The WMD/Hazmat team (COBRA) completed annual recertification and participated in a full-scale exercise with the Army National Guard CST team; various personnel attended the training.
- Officer Rousseau attended negotiator training.
- Officer Gagne instructed a firearms course in Lewiston.
- Administrative Support Manager Sandra Brown and Crime Analyst Amy Blaisdell-Pechmanova attended an instructional training outlining building databases in Microsoft Access.



Enjoy photos from Farwell School's Annual Pumpkin Festival



Public Works

David Jones, Director

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

The summer construction season is ending abruptly with numerous projects completed this month. In addition, we are preparing for the upcoming winter with our Winter Operations Dry Run.

Below is some of the specific work done in the month of October:

Street/Road & Sidewalk Improvement Projects

The crews completed the following:

- ◇ Winter Operations Dry Run was conducted Wednesday and Thursday, October 29-30th with half the fleet on each day. This provided a better opportunity for drivers/operators to work on their equipment and coordinate with shop personnel. It also kept people available to address routine work needs; *(see pic-right)*
- ◇ Paradis Park improvements were made including paving; *(see pic-right)*
- ◇ General street patching continued with 30 locations addressed during the month;
- ◇ Sidewalk repairs were completed along Oxford and Cross Streets from Lincoln Street to the Simard-Payne pedestrian bridge (~760 ft)
- ◇ Storm drains (culverts and catch-basins) were repaired/installed at 13 locations around the city;
- ◇ Gravel roads were graded (Northwood Road, East Avenue Extension, Bradbury Road, and Old Chadbourne Road);
- ◇ Raymond Park fountains were winterized; crews assisted the Water Division personnel in removing meters from Marcotte, Franklin and Kennedy Parks for the winter and installed trash receptacles at the Simard-Payne Park gateway;
- ◇ Placed boulders to protect the new drop-off



Mike Bolduc, Don Gilks & Dan Ouellette install a sidewalk blower attachment during the Winter Operations Dry-Run



Paradis Park Improvements

structure at the Solid Waste Facility;

- ◇ Painted the basketball court at River Valley, replaced, repaired two swings, and installed Margaret Woodhead plaque on the Bridge Street bridge;
- ◇ Tree pruning and removal at 27 locations and winterized numerous flower gardens around the city;
- ◇ Replaced numerous damaged or old traffic and street name signs and painted three crosswalks and five traffic islands;

- ◇ Leaf clean-up at all city cemeteries, parks and open spaces;
- ◇ Responded to 234 storm drain Dig-Safe requests;

Contracted Projects:

- ◇ City paving contract - in October, more than 1,500 tons of asphalt were placed including: Webster Street (Maplewood Street to Jan's Boulevard); Adolphe Street (drainage issue at Morris Avenue); and the water line on Howe Street;
- ◇ A well-attended ribbon cutting was held on October 21st to celebrate completion of the Riverside Greenway Bicycle/Pedestrian facility. The off-road trail goes from Sunnyside Park to Tall Pines Drive; *(see pic-right)*
- ◇ The street rehab contractor has completed work on Alfred A. Plourde Parkway (Webster Street to Lexington Street) and work on Bradford Street and Tucker Street is continuing;
- ◇ Concept plans including paving, sidewalk treatment, ADA and striping were prepared to initiate discussion at public meetings for Lisbon Street Rehab (Chestnut to Main Street) and scoping two signal improvement projects;
- ◇ Main Street Route 202/11/100 highway improvements , Memorial Avenue to Stetson Road (0.57mile) with replacement of Stetson Bridge. Work continued with curb installation, fine grading, base paving, and shoulder rehab. The drainage system has been completed. Work will shut down in November and continue next year to include the replacement of the Stetson Road bridge;
- ◇ RJ Grondin & Sons continued work on the \$5.1 million MTA project to upgrade the Exit 80 ramps.



Water, Sewer, & Stormwater



Construction Projects & Studies:

- ◆ Park Street water main pipe busting - this project was completed in October;
- ◆ Worked on the scope for the Clean Water Act Master Plan (CWAMP). Updating which addresses the City is responsible for under the Clean Water Act to address Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs). The end of our 15-year program is 2015 and a scope of work is planned to be submitted to DEP in January 2015;
- ◆ Cure-in-place sewer lining - Green Mountain Pipeline completed all lining in the contract. The total amount of sewer lined this year is 11,000 feet. Planning is under way for the next lining contract to go to bid with plans to line about 12,000 feet of sewer in 2015;
- ◆ Design work is under way for a replacement of the River Road Sewer Pump Station (#1).

Water, Sewer and Stormwater (continued)

This project will be a full replacement, including the wet well, to triple the capacity of the station to handle current and future development in this industrial area;

- ◆ Work has been completed on Jepson Brook Phase 5 of the CSO sewer/stormwater project (seven streets on the south side of Sabattus Street in the Garcelon Bog area) Longchamps & Sons, \$748,853. Some minor clean up remains on the project;
- ◆ Work has been completed on Jepson Brook Phase 6 of the CSO sewer/stormwater project (eight streets in the Jepson Brook Watershed area) with Nitram Construction. Some minor clean up remains on the project;
- ◆ Leavitt Avenue Water & Sewer Separation— St. Laurent and Son have completed the installation of the water main and storm drain and have begun prepping the roadways for paving. The project is anticipated to be complete in early November;
- ◆ A study of Jepson Brook to evaluate the capacity of the drainage channel and pipes, identify improvements necessary, and forecast future needs is in progress by CDM Smith Consultants;
- ◆ Strawberry Avenue waterline and rehab - The 12" and 6" water mains and all services have been installed. New catch basins and storm drain were installed near the railroad tracks. Road base material was installed between Main Street and the lower portion of Strawberry Avenue. Paving will be completed during the week of November 3rd.

Water & Sewer crews completed the following work:

- ◆ Responded to one water main leak and one service leak;



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- ◆ Responded to 23 E-GOVs and 225 Dig-Safe requests;
- ◆ Raised numerous sewer manholes and water gates to support street paving;
- ◆ Completed all work for the contractors working on CSO and water projects;
- ◆ Continued progress on the water valve program and the sewer flushing program;
- ◆ Continued to flush and clean sewer lines for National Water to video and inspect;
- ◆ Blocked CSO overflow points no longer needed as a result of the CSO projects completed this construction season;
- ◆ Continued sewer work on Hart Brook, which included installing a 1,000 foot long gravel road , raising and supporting 150' of 30" steel sewer main under I-95, and Green Mountain of Vermont lining it; *(pic on next page)*

Water, Sewer and Stormwater (continued)

Green Mountain Lining Hart Brook Sewer Interceptor



- ◆ Continued to maintain all the watershed and water & sewer facilities including responding to a petroleum spill at the Route 4 turn-out that threatened lake water quality;
- ◆ Completed the water line on Howe Street replacing the old 6" cast iron with 8" ductile iron;
- ◆ Crews are currently digging and replacing service shut-offs throughout the city for the meter replacement program.

Solid Waste Division

- Modifications to the leachate collection system within the secure landfill were performed by the contract construction firm of R. A. Paradis & Son. This modification was made to provide uninterrupted drainage of runoff from the waste material during storm events and snow melt;
- Modifications are being done to the facility's scale management system which will allow automated use of the facility's truck scales. This modification is being funded solely by Casella to provide services to Casella for inbound & outbound weights when the Scale House is not staffed;

- Work on Casella's MRF is progressing with the installation of sorting and baling equipment for processing recyclable (Zero-Sort) material. Completion of this project is still planned for November 2014.

Building Maintenance Division

- ⇒ Waterproofing the northeast corner of the City Hall foundation is expected to be complete in November.

Recreation Division

Activities & Meetings at the Armory

- ◇ Lewiston Senior Citizens have regular board and membership meetings, weekly card games, Bingo, Cribbage, Pinochle, and Bridge
- ◇ Veteran-related groups meet at the Armory: American Legion Post 22, Franco-American War Veterans and Auxiliary Post 31, Disabled American Veterans, L/A Veterans, Post 9150, and Post 210
- ◇ Political group meetings: Lewiston Democrats, Lewiston G.O.P., and Lewiston Republicans
- ◇ Other groups: Association Canado-Americaine Chapter Dr. Paul Fortier, Police Athletic League (PAL), "Just Us" choral rehearsals, and the Lewiston Middle School Alternative Education class also use space at the Armory.



Recreation Division (continued)

Programs

- ◇ Volleyball teams are now practicing and preparing for regular league play (men's, women's, co-ed, A, B-1, and B2)
- ◇ Fly Football Cheering held signups and will begin practices



Park Events

- ◇ Farmers' Markets at Lincoln/Main, and Kennedy Park



Park Events (continued)

- ◇ L/A Arts
- ◇ Run Like Hell 5K



- ◇ Night of the Running Dead (you can tell it's October!)
- ◇ Pack the Court event

Athletic Events

- ◇ NEWS... LHS Boys Soccer made it to the KVAC Playoffs (congratulations!)



- ◇ Winter program sign-ups for co-ed youth basketball is underway and sessions begin early in November



Armory Events

- ◇ EID Prayer
- ◇ L/A Veterans' Council Blood Drive

EMPLOYEES

WELLNESS



Congratulations to October winners:

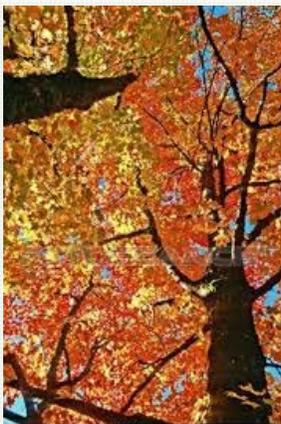
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- Sandy Brown
- David St. Pierre
- Ken Priest



Personal Training

Drawings will also be held in November & December!

MAINTENANCE WEIGH-IN

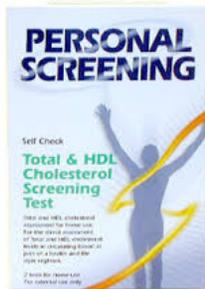


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This program will be held at your worksite on:
 Date: Thursday, October 30, 2014
 Time: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 Place: Third Floor Conference Room
 Sign up with Anne Larkin
 By: Wednesday, October 29, 2014

Wellness Works is the Health Education and Promotion Program of the Maine Municipal Employee Health Trust
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Fourteen employees enjoyed a Lunch & Learn on October 30th presented by Maine Municipal Employee Health Trust "Wellness Works" - a Health Education and Promotion Program.

