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Greetings from the City of Lewiston

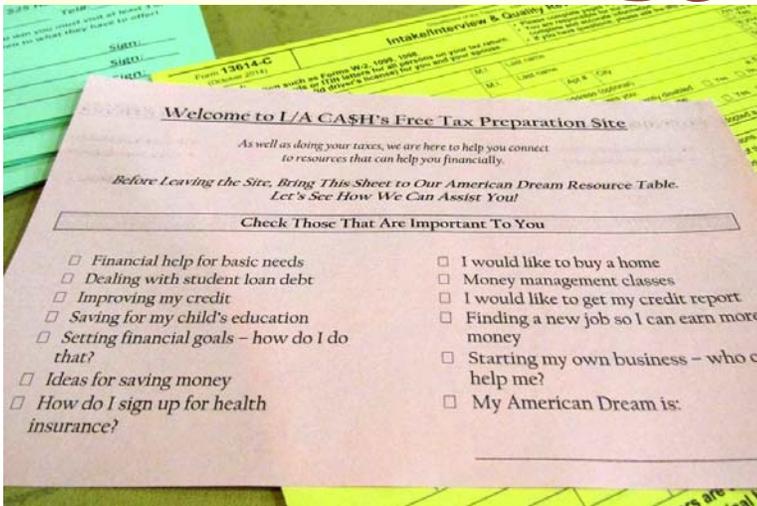
Each month, this report from the City Administrator's office provides a brief summary and update of major activities, events, projects, and programs that impact the community of Lewiston. Feel free to send your comments and suggestions.

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Items of Interest

L/A CASH COALITION February 7, 2015 Super Saturday



FREE Credit Reports & Financial Literacy Fair

200 returns were processed and useful information provided



Items of Interest

Lewiston Youth Advisory Council's (LYAC) Positive Image Campaign

LYAC's **positive image campaign** for Lewiston, DO YOU DO LEW, spurred the group to create a documentary that was filmed in December 2014. The final product was produced by Roundpoint Movies through funds donated from the Lewiston Firefighters Association.

The 30-minute documentary includes interviews from Lewiston residents (listed below) speaking on why they love Lewiston. Residents included: Mayor Robert Macdonald, business owner Hillary Dow, LPD Officer Craig Johnson, homeowner Christine Holden, former Mayor Larry Gilbert, two students from Lewiston High School's 21 Century program, Professor Brian Davenport of USM L/A College, Kaplan University's Executive Director Anne Ryan, Councilor Kristen Cloutier, Councilor Leslie Dubois, Judge of Probate Michael Dubois, Tim Stretton former LYAC member and staff person for Senator Collins, Lewiston High School teacher Michelle Crowley, LA Arts Board Vice President Denise Scammon, LA Arts Executive Director Josh Vink, Darby Ray of the Bates College Harward Center, Superintendent of Schools Bill Webster, Erin Guay of Healthy Androscoggin, and Sherie Blumenthal of the St. Mary's Nutrition Center.



Lights, camera, action . . . The documentary **"We Love Lewiston, Maine"** debuted at Guthrie's Independent Theater located at 22 Park Street in Lewiston.

Following the viewing, LYAC members took the stage for a Q & A session with members of the audience. They also shared their

personal love for Lewiston and were lauded by attendees for taking a stand for the city they are proud of.



City Administrator

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Governor Proposes State Budget with Significant Impacts to Lewiston Residents

Governor LePage has proposed a two-year state budget with the goal of reducing state income taxes. It accomplishes this by increasing the sales tax rate while broadening its base and by reducing certain payments to local governments. The specific changes that will impact Lewiston include: elimination of municipal revenue sharing; restricting the homestead exemption to those over 65 and doubling it for this group from \$10,000 to \$20,000; transitioning how business equipment taxes are handled resulting in a reduction in tax revenue to the City; changing the formula and eligibility requirements for General Assistance; flat funding General Purpose Aid to Education; transferring the telecommunications tax from the state to local municipalities; and making certain non-taxable property subject to the property tax at 50% of value. The Governor has provided a comprehensive proposal to revamp the state tax system. How these changes will affect any individual taxpayer is hard to evaluate given the many elements of the proposal, including the changes to the income tax and various tax credits designed to mitigate the impact of a higher and broader sales tax and the potential for increased property taxes.

The changes affecting Maine's municipal government are spread out over the two-year budget and beyond, with most of the significant changes going into effect in the budget's second year, which, for us, would be the municipal FY17 budget that goes into effect in July 2016.

In year one (for our budget year beginning this July), the only changes involve the homestead exemption and General Assistance formula. We estimate that this will likely have limited effect on the City's budget with the loss of state reimbursement for those losing the homestead balanced by the additional taxes the City will receive from them. However, it will affect individual homeowners. Those who lose the homestead will see an additional property tax of \$242. Those whose homestead doubles would see a tax decrease of a similar amount. A change in the general assistance reimbursement formula will result in the City seeing lower reimbursements in the future.

Second year impacts on the City are much more significant and include the elimination of revenue sharing and the proposal to apply the property tax to certain currently tax exempt properties. There are too many elements of this proposal to explain them in detail here and I anticipate that there will be a lot of changes to the Governor's budget as it moves through the legislature. Everyone should know, however, that if some or all of these proposals are adopted, they will affect both the City and our individual residents. I urge everyone to keep a close eye on Augusta as this process unfolds and to take the time to contact your local legislators about any concerns you may have. You can find out who represents you and how to contact them at <http://legislature.maine.gov/>.

Friends of Pettingill Park

The City and the Friends of Pettingill Park have entered into a memorandum of understanding outlining the responsibilities of both parties for the development and maintenance of the park. The Friends of Pettingill formed to work toward establishing a city park at the former site of the Pettingill School and have actively been raising funds for this project. Under the agreement, the Friends will be responsible for developing the park while the City will provide standard maintenance for it. This is a great example of a group of citizens joining together to work toward improving their neighborhood in cooperation with the City. The group also shared with the Council its draft master plan for the park, including walkways, benches, a gazebo, and other amenities. All parties are looking forward to these improvements.

Assessing

William Healey, Chief Assessor

Changes in Assessing



Lewiston's longtime Chief Assessor Joe Grube retired on February 27th. Joe worked in the Assessing Department for over 30 years - serving as Chief Assessor for the past 22 years. Joe's strong appraisal background and knowledge of the city made him a highly effective Assessor. He will certainly be missed. Lewiston native Bill Healey, a Certified Maine Assessor, was hired as Joe's replacement.

February Delays Four-Year Review Program

The cold and snowy weather in February caused the Assessing Department to postpone the four-year review program and do review of building permits for the month. We are hopeful that March will provide better weather allowing us to continue to prepare for the Fiscal 2015-2016 Tax Year.

Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement (BETR) Deadline Extended

With the deadline extended to March 1, 2015, the Assessing Department continued processing BETR applications in the month of February.



Fire

Chief Paul LeClair



Reported Kitchen Fire Tuesday, February 3rd 192 Pine/49 Bradley Street, 2nd floor

Condition Yellow upon arrival.

Firefighters not only fought the fire, but were faced with bitter cold temperatures, high snow banks, and street drains that were buried in snow (not allowing water run off to escape) creating large pools of water and dangerous ice build up. Public Works sent in backhoes to dig out the street drains and sand the area.

Two injuries were reported - one civilian and one firefighter; both were treated at the scene for minor smoke inhalation. The cause of the fire was accidental - a pinched electrical 220 kitchen stove wire caused a short when the oven was turned on. The building is considered a total loss.

Hydrogen Gas Leak

**Saturday, February 7th
Elmet Technologies
1560 Lisbon Street**

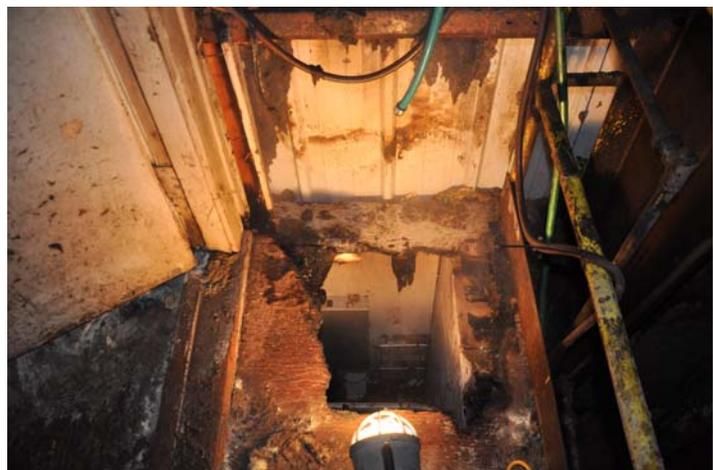


The call was received as an activated fire alarm. Engine #3 was first on scene and reported **Condition Red**. A nitrogen supply line to an oven had ruptured and was fueling the flame. Crews brought in a hose line and used it in fog mode in order to get close to the oven and shut off the gas lines. The fire was exterminated as soon as the gas supply was shut off. Firefighting crews brought in three detection meters to monitor gas levels; when deemed safe, crews were released and returned to quarters.

Electrical Malfunction ReEnergy Holdings LLC Tuesday, February 10th 38 Alfred Plourde Parkway

Crews arrived to a **Condition Red** at ReEnergy Holdings LLC. The fire was located in the shredding/sorting building. Firefighters were able to contain the fire to the second floor of the processing control room.

The cause of the fire was an electrical malfunction with the floor baseboard heater; and there was some heat damage to the automatic fire sprinkler system in the room below.



Fire Prevention

Electrical Safety

Flipping a light switch. Plugging in a coffeemaker. Charging a laptop computer. These are second nature for most of us. Electricity makes our lives easier. However, we need to be cautious and keep safety in mind.



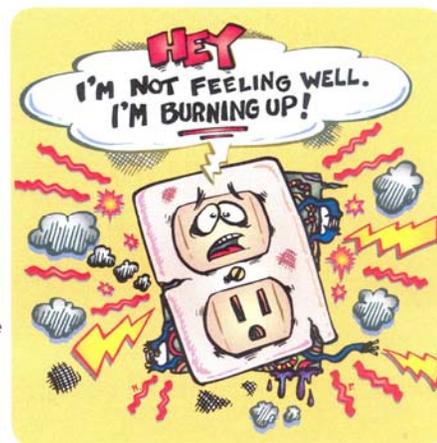
SAFETY TIPS

- » Have all electrical work done by a qualified electrician.
- » When you are buying or remodeling a home, have it inspected by a qualified electrician.
- » Only plug one heat-producing appliance (such as a coffee maker, toaster, space heater, etc.) into a receptacle outlet at a time.
- » Major appliances (refrigerators, dryers, washers, stoves, air conditioners, etc.) should be plugged directly into a wall receptacle outlet. Extension cords and plug strips should not be used.
- » Arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs) are a kind of circuit breaker that shuts off electricity when a dangerous condition occurs. Consider having them installed in your home. Use a qualified electrician.
- » Use ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) to reduce the risk of shock. GFCIs shut off an electrical circuit when it becomes a shock hazard. They should be installed inside the home in bathrooms, kitchens, garages and basements. All outdoor receptacles should be GFCI protected.
- » Test AFCIs and GFCIs once a month to make sure they are working properly.
- » Check electrical cords to make sure they are not running across doorways or under carpets. Extension cords are intended for temporary use. Have a qualified electrician add more receptacle outlets so you don't have to use extension cords.
- » Use light bulbs that match the recommended wattage on the lamp or fixture. There should be a sticker that indicates the maximum wattage light bulb to use.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Call a qualified electrician or your landlord if you have:

- Frequent problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers
- A tingling feeling when you touch an electrical appliance
- Discolored or warm wall outlets
- A burning or rubbery smell coming from an appliance
- Flickering or dimming lights
- Sparks from an outlet



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Information Technology

Timothy Earle, Director

MUNIS Goes Live

After months of planning, configuring, and testing, the major parts of Munis are up and running, including: General Ledger, Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, and Purchase Orders. A great deal of prep-work was done prior to the Go-Live date to make the installation as seamless as possible. This transition was made possible thanks to all the hard work of the Finance Department.

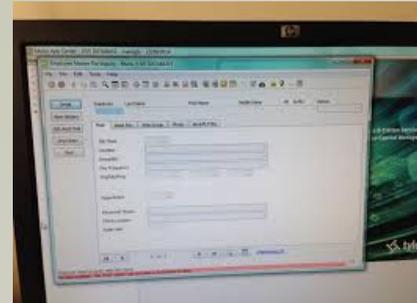


Next Target Date

The School Department will go live with General Ledger, Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, and Purchase Orders on July 1, 2015.

Payroll Conversion, Inventory, & Work Orders

Payroll will go live January 1, 2016 for both the City and School; Inventory and Work Orders are scheduled to go live July 1, 2016.

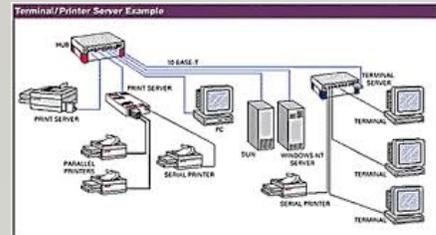


Technical Challenges

One of the most difficult technical challenges was creating a Domain Trust between the City of Lewiston's domain and the Lewiston School Department's domain. Creating this domain trust allows us to house a server here at City Hall for City Departments, Lewiston Schools, and 911. Users log into the server at City Hall; and IT does not have to maintain multiple user lists and rights. Man hours on maintaining two separate user lists have been reduced (one list of 331 users at the City and approximately 800 users at the School Department).

New Print Server Established

The MIS Department needed to setup and install a print server for the Munis Application. This new service will be beneficial to all end-users and give us the ability to manage network printers from a central location. If an end-user has trouble printing to a network printer, the server will give MIS the ability to give the end-user access to a near-by printer with minimal effort.



Improving Communications



We are working with the City of Auburn and the Lewiston/Auburn 911 Communication Center to improve telephone system responses to 911 when a person calls from any City location. Currently, if a person calls 911 from any City building, the display at the Communication Center reads 27 Pine Street, creating confusion if you are calling from an off-site department, such as the Recreation Division on Central Avenue. It should be noted that we have a failover system in place for these emergencies. Five people in City Hall have a console display on their telephones that shows which building and room number a person dialed 911 from. One of these five people records the building and extension and then contacts the Communication Center to provide the information. Our goal is to have the displays at the Communication Center read the correct address and detail of the room location within the building. We are working with Oxford Networks and the telephone manufacture to find a cost-effective solution.

Parking Garages' Emergency Call Box

MIS and Building Maintenance have been working with the 911 Communication Center to address the emergency call box issue at the parking garage lift gates. Currently, if a customer has trouble getting the lift gates to function properly, they press the call button and it automatically dials 911. An issue arose where, when the 911 dispatcher dialed the lift code, the controller would not lift the gate. As a result, each garage location was visited and the controllers were reprogrammed. A few of the gates are still experiencing problems will have their wiring tested and replaced if needed.

Spring Cleaning of Your PC

Spring is almost here, so it is a good time to do spring cleaning on your PCs. Over time, we all accumulate a lot of data. If your data is in multiple locations or you just have excess data that will be of no use to you in the future, please clean it up.

... A clean PC is a happy PC

This is also important on your network drives as **drive space = money**. The less "stuff" we keep, the longer our *expensive* network resources will last. Keep in mind that for every MB of data on the network, the same space is required for backups. Again, please be mindful of data that is not necessary to store and schedule a day for "spring cleaning."



This month's report was written by Craig Starr, System Engineer.



Lewiston School Superintendent

Bill Webster

2015-16 School Budget

The draft budget was released at the March 4th School Committee meeting. All documents are posted to www.lewistonpublicschools.org. I (Superintendent Webster) encourage everyone to read my Budget Memo for more information. In summary, the budget reflects the minimum local tax increase for Lewiston that would still result in our schools receiving 100% of state subsidy. The budget addresses class size issues in kindergarten but does little for other grade levels.



The draft budget will undergo a thorough review in a series of school committee meetings in March. Meetings begin at 6:45 pm and are held at the Dingley Building, 36 Oak Street, scheduled for the 4th and 9th of March (at Geiger School); the 11th, 16th, 18th and 23rd (at Dingley). The workshop with the City Council will take place on March 30th at Lewiston City Hall in the Council Chambers. Public comment is invited at all these meetings, and the School Committee is scheduled to approve a final budget on April 13th. The Council will be presented the budget formally on April 23rd and will vote on May 5th before it goes to voters on May 12th. A rejection on any of these votes will cause the budget approval process to start anew.

Completion Rates for Lewiston High School

Graduation rates for high schools are now computed by viewing results of cohort groups, i.e., students who start high school and finish together within years. The state also computes a 5-year and 6-year cohort rate. Below are the results for Lewiston High School. (There is not yet a 5-year cohort for the class of 2014, as that computation must wait for this year's results.)

Class of	4-year cohort	5-year cohort	6-year cohort
2014	69.91%		
2013	69.82%	76.35%	
2012	71.06%	73.35%	73.64%
2011	66.15%	69.23%	69.74%
2010	66.39%	68.68%	69.42%
2009	60.45%		
2008	68.32%		
2007	63.94%		
2006	73.07%		

Draft School Calendar for 2015-16 Posted

The proposed calendar is posted on the district website. School is scheduled to start later this coming year because Labor Day is not until September 7th. One of the challenges in making calendar changes, is the state's requirement that calendars must be consistent among high schools that send students to a given technical center. The School Committee will vote on the proposed calendar at its March 23rd meeting.

New Lewiston High School Principal

Former LMS Principal Shawn Chabot began his tenure as LHS Principal on February 9th. His presence has been well-received, and his initial focus is meeting with staff and assessing needs to move forward most effectively in the implementation of Proficiency-Based Learning and other school needs.



Moving Forward on New Elementary School-Site Selection Process

The Site Selection Subcommittee of 20 members has already met four times and identified multiple potential sites. They are being further analyzed in the coming weeks against a number of factors to help identify the best site possible. The goal of the group is to be able to make a recommendation by June.

Last Year of Teacher Incentive Fund Grant

The Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF) grant approved by the Lewiston School Committee in 2011 expires this summer. TIF funded virtually all our cost for educational assessments and for developing our teacher and educational leader evaluation and professional growth systems. In addition, TIF provided financial support to expand the number of National Board certified teachers from two to over 20 and added over \$3 million in teacher incentive compensation. The incentive compensation was not found to be linked to improved student outcomes. This is consistent with other research.

MEAs, Opting Out, and iPads

This spring, Maine schools will administer the new Maine Education Assessment (MEA) to students in grades three through eight and third-year high school students. I have written a piece that will be published in Sunday's Sun Journal about the new assessment. In summary, The MEA includes the Smarter Balanced assessment to measure progress toward standards that should now be taught in classrooms. This assessment is vastly different than the earlier ones as it is designed to assess higher order thinking, writing and other skills students should be learning. The results will be more immediately available and help teachers adjust instructional strategies. A letter has gone home to parents describing the assessment and the dates to be administered. Parents are invited to contact their school principal if they have concerns about their child taking the assessment. As I point out in my SJ piece, we best educate Lewiston students and promote public education by assessing all students. You have also likely read or heard about the compatibility issues between the MEA and iPads. Issues identified by Lewiston educators have been rectified, and the assessment should be able to move forward without incident.



Planning & Code Enforcement

Gil Arsenault, Director

Planning Board

On February 17, the Board made a favorable recommendation for the City Council's consideration regarding the adoption of the FY2016 Lewiston Capital Improvement Program, subject to a number of reductions and reallocations.

The Board also voted to begin the request for proposal process for the disposition of 154 Blake Street and for the Planning Board to provide a recommendation for the City Council's consideration upon its review of the requests.

Historic Preservation Review Board

The Board has and continues to work with the Maine Historic Preservation Commission on the nomination of the Lewiston Mills and Water Power System as a National Register Historic District. The national register is the federal government's official list of historic properties worthy of preservation. Listing in the National Register provides recognition and assists in preserving our nation's heritage. District designation would be positive for owners of historic properties, allowing them to access to federal and state historic tax credits.

Enforcement Action

Staff condemned one residential structure via the International Property Maintenance Code and issued two solid waste civil penalties.

(pictured upper right)



Interior of 192 Pine Street (condemned)

Code Amendments

On February 17th, the City Council adopted the 2014 edition of the National Electrical Code with amendments.

PERMIT ACTIVITY - FEBRUARY 2015

- ◇ 15 building permits with a reported value of \$410,300 (no new single-family homes were permitted)
- ◇ 10 plumbing permits
- ◇ 30 electrical permits

PERMIT ACTIVITY - FEBRUARY 2014

- ◇ 19 building permits with a reported value of \$4,808,888 (no new single-family homes were permitted)
- ◇ 12 plumbing permits
- ◇ 20 electrical permits

The highest reported dollar value building permit was for 10 Oak Street (Oak Park) in the amount of \$4,349,828 for renovations

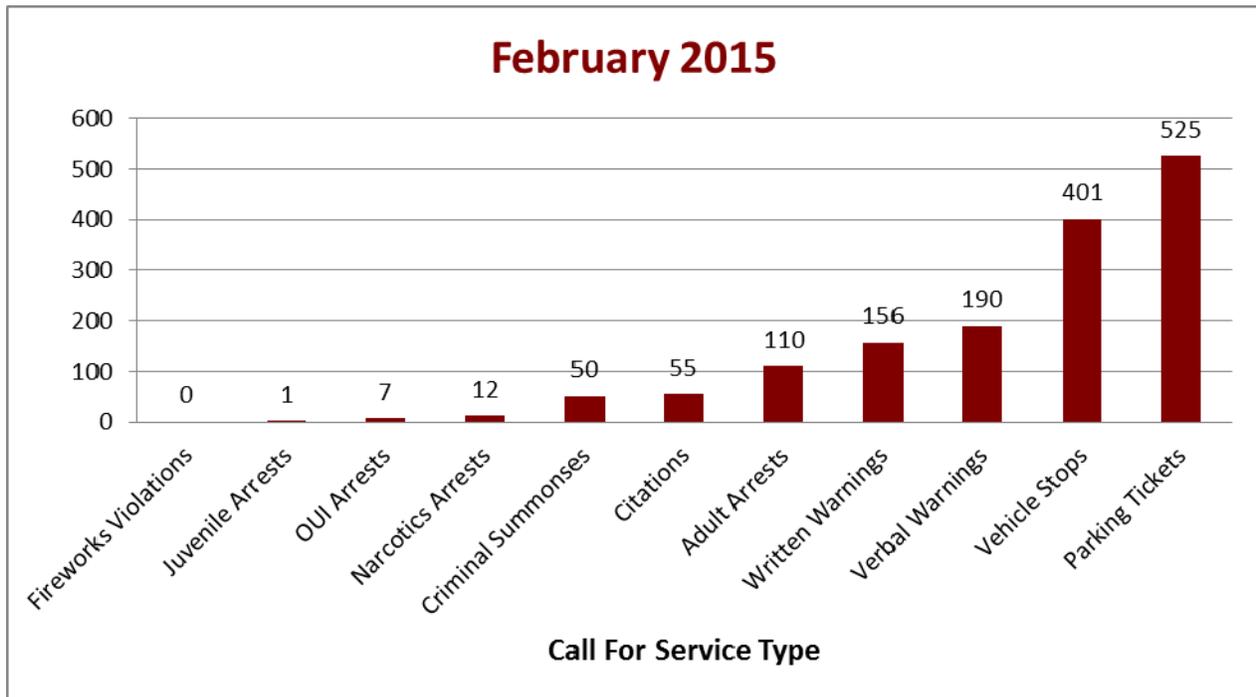
Police

Mike Bussiere, Chief

Statistics for *February*

In the month of February, police responded to a total of 2,560 Calls for Service (CFS); summary below:

Calls For Service	2/2015
Total CFS	2,560
Vehicle Stops	401
Citations	55
Written Warnings	156
Verbal Warnings	190
Adult Arrests	110
Juvenile Arrests	1
Criminal Summonses	50
Narcotics Arrests	12
OUI Arrests	7
Parking Tickets	525
Fireworks Violations	0



Community Events

Training at CMMC

Officer Griffin spoke with department heads and staff regarding active shooters at Central Maine Medical Center (CMMC) and completed Taser training for the emergency room staff.

Officer Griffin - Active in the Community

Officer Griffin taught "personal safety" at Birch Hill Apartments, attended the Human Trafficking Collaborative at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center, presented awards at the Special Olympics, and attended Coffee With a Cop at Hillview and Frye School Apartments.

Officer Philippon's Activity

Officer Philippon taught Policing Overview for Catholic Charities of Maine's orientation, applied for a grant through the Androscoggin County funds Community Building grant program, and attended the following meetings: Welcome to Maine, New Mainer Collaborative, and Community Partnership for Protecting Children (CPPC).

Chili Cook-off

Officers D. Jacques and Philippon were judges at a chili cook-off competition hosted at Spurwink School.



More Community Involvement

Sergeant St. Laurent and Officers Griffin and Philippon, respectively, attended a Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN) meeting, participated in a COPS grant tele-conference and a tele-conference regarding kids and cops on campus, attended a forum at USM which discussed new Mainers and mental health, and attended a meeting at Homeland Security regarding human trafficking.



Sergeant St. Laurent, Officer Griffin, and first graders, at Geiger Elementary School participated in a **Community Helper's Intro**; Officer Philippon was also present.

Recruitment

Sergeant St. Laurent and Officers Griffin and Philippon taught Community Policing at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy's (MCJA).

Training

Officers K. Gagne, L. Maillet, and Provost completed CPR training and re-certification.

Public Works

David Jones, Director

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

February has been all about winter! By the end of the month, we have had more than 100 inches of snow and February has been the *colest* in history. While snow removal had to be interrupted several times to plow additional storms, we still have hauled more than 75,000 cubic yards of snow to our snow dump at the Operations Center on River Road. If stacked squarely, that is enough snow to cover a typical 100' x 100' residential house lot to a height of more than 200' or as high as a 20 story building! Our water folks were also busy responding to ten water main breaks and more than 30 frozen services during the month.

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



Snow Dump on River Road

Street/Road & Sidewalk Improvement Projects

The crews completed the following:

- ◆ Responded to five plowable storms with a total accumulation of 35 inches bringing the winter total to more than **100 inches of snow**;
- ◆ Trouble spot snow removal at numerous locations (night snow removal began February 2nd);

Contracted projects | Status reports:

- ◆ Bids were opened for the Lewiston Amphitheater and Water Access contract, which is part of the Riverfront Development. Bids are being reviewed and we hope to value engineer the project with the contractor to enable award in March;
- ◆ City paving contract - finished till spring;

- ◆ Held two public meetings, met with the Bike Ped Committee and briefed the City Council on the Lisbon Street Rehab (Chestnut to Main Street). It is expected that a City Council Resolve will approve aesthetic improvements and realign funding to pay for these improvements (to be finalized in early March);
- ◆ MDOT Main Street Route 202/11/100 highway improvements Memorial Avenue to Stetson Road (0.57 mile) with replacement of Stetson Bridge. Work will resume next spring which will include the replacement of the Stetson Road bridge;
- ◆ MTA bridge and mainline improvements to the Lewiston Interchange project to CPM Constructors continues;
- ◆ We are still awaiting MDOT/FHWA approval to begin design of a project to improve Bartlett Street (East Ave to Sabattus Street).



Water, Sewer, and Stormwater

Construction projects and studies-update:

- ◇ Hart Brook Water Quality Restoration Phase One project: awarded to Pratt & Sons at a total bid price of \$197,188. This project will install three stormwater bio-filtration systems and one nutrient separating baffle box in the Lewiston Industrial Park as part of the Hart Brook Watershed Management Plan;
- ◇ 2015 Sewer Condition Assessment contract: bids were opened and are being reviewed. Award of the contract is expected in March;
- ◇ Main Street Storm Drain project: bids were opened; the project will install 825' of storm drain on Main Street (between King and Montello) to separate the storm and sewer lines. Callahan Construction is the apparent low bidder at \$200,336; the award is expected soon;
- ◇ 2015 Water Main Replacement contract: the contract has been advertised with bids due the end of March. This project will replace 3,850' of 6" water mains with 8" mains on Glenview Avenue, Delcliffe Lane, Maplewood Road, Shawmut Street, and Bradley Street;
- ◇ Clean Water Act Master Plan (CWAMP): efforts are continuing;
- ◇ National Water Main Cleaning Company: work efforts are continuing;
- ◇ National Water Main Cleaning Company: shut down for the winter and will be continuing the inspection of the sewer mains and manholes next spring. This contract includes approximately 400,000 LF of Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) inspection of the City's sewer mains and connecting manholes;
- ◇ Cure-in-place Sewer Lining: the contract was awarded to Insituform Technologies to line about 12,000' of sewer in 2015, in the amount of \$1,190,210;
- ◇ Replacement of River Road Sewer Pump Station (#1): design work is underway; the 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;
- ◇ Jepson Brook Phase 5 of the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Sewer/Stormwater Project (seven streets on the south side of Sabattus Street in the Garcelon Bog area): minor clean up work is being done; Longchamps & Sons, expected to be complete in the spring;
- ◇ Jepson Brook Phase 6 of the CSO Stormwater project: minor clean-up work continues with Nitram Construction and should be completed in the spring;
- ◇ Leavitt Avenue Water and Sewer Separation: St. Laurent and Son will complete minor cleanup in the spring;
- ◇ 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. We are also discussing with MDOT the design they prepared for the lining of the culvert that goes under Main Street, which appears to be a restriction to full flow;
- ◇ Strawberry Avenue Waterline & Rehab: this project was substantially completed with only surface paving and minor punch list items remaining to be done in the spring.

Water, Sewer, and Stormwater *(continued)*

Work performed by the Water & Sewer crews included:

- ◇ Responded to and repaired ten water main breaks and 32 frozen services, with frost being five feet deep; *(pictured below)*



Dealing with a frozen water service at -10 degrees!

- ◇ Responded to 46 E-Gov's and 21 Dig Safe requests;
- ◇ Responded to five sewer back-ups (four of them were private issues);
- ◇ Continued to monitor 750+ fire hydrants and snow removal around them;
- ◇ Continued to progress on the water valve program and the sewer flushing program;
- ◇ Continued daily readings of water meters, and replaced 95 meters. Sixty meters were tested showing they were reading less than actual flow;
- ◇ The water leaking out in Sabattus Street near the Pizza Hut continues to baffle everyone including Team EJP who spent weeks with their best leak detection systems on site but was unable to identify where the water is coming from.

Solid Waste Division

- Much of the month had the crew removing snow from the access roads and drop-off area at the facility.

Building Maintenance

- ⇒ Again, snow removal was the focus this month around the city's buildings and parking garages.



Dozer pushing snow at the dump



Rec Services Division

- ◆ The first annual **MAY DAY CRAFT FAIR** will be held on Saturday, May 2 at the Armory
- ◆ Jason Hanken began his work as Recreation Programs Coordinator and has started quickly to provide great service to the city and its residents

Rec Services Division

Activities & Meetings at the Armory

Lewiston Senior Citizens:

- ◆ Board and Membership meetings
- ◆ Various weekly card games as well as Bingo, Cribbage, Pinochle and Bridge throughout the month;

Veteran-related meetings:

- ◆ America Legion Post 22
- ◆ Franco-American War Veterans
- ◆ Auxiliary Post 31
- ◆ Disabled American Veterans
- ◆ Association Canado-Americaine Chapter Dr. Paul Fortier
- ◆ L/A Veterans
- ◆ Post 9150
- ◆ Post 210

Political meetings:

- ◆ Lewiston G.O.P.
- ◆ Lewiston Democrats
- ◆ Lewiston Republicans

Basketball:

- ◆ Practices for Central Maine Christian Academy and St. Dominic's Academy
- ◆ Games for Lewiston Rec Department grade school teams and Co-ed Kinder basketball games

Other:

- ◆ Lewiston Middle School Alternative Education Class
- ◆ YMCA gymnastics
- ◆ Lewiston Area Youth Cheering League practices

Programs:

- ◆ Kinder basketball, Co-ed youth basketball, and grade-school basketball came to a close in February
- ◆ Volleyball (men's, women's, co-ed, A, B1, and B2) teams are finished with regular games and have started their playoff games
- ◆ Staff prepared registrations and distributed newsletters to Lewiston schools for spring programs
- ◆ Batting cages are set up and reservations have begun
- ◆ Staff also has been busy interviewing candidates for T-ball coaching and Lacrosse Director positions

Armory Events:

- ◆ The L/A CA\$H Coalition continued through the month assisting residents with free tax prep services
- ◆ On February 8, the Rec Division's fifth and sixth grade girls travel basketball team hosted a tournament at the Armory

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ Lewiston Police Department will have a three-day self-defense training the first week in March.
- ◆ The YMCA gymnastic program will host a home meet on Saturday, March 21
- ◆ Maine Federal Credit Union will hold a Financial Fitness Fair for area high school students on March 25
- ◆ The Auburn Exchange is holding its annual Gun Show March 27-28

Looking Ahead:

- ◆ April brings "Mr. Drew and His Animals Too" to the Armory, courtesy of Lewiston Senior Citizens

Wellness Information & Updates



WEEK 2 STATS

17 people weighed in for both teams: Team Small lost a total of **39 pounds**; Team Parker lost **57 pounds**... for a combined total of **96 pounds!**

WEEK 4 STATS

At the 4-week weigh in Team Parker lost **19 pounds**, Team Small lost **9 pounds** ...for a combined total of **28 pounds!**

TOTAL COMBINED WEIGHT LOSS AT 4 WEEKS: 124 pounds!

Team Parker: 76 pounds

Team Small: 48 pounds



Stay Active



Wellness is proud to sponsor

Family & Friends Skate Party

followed by

L/A Fighting Spirit vs Lockport Express hockey game

(Compliments of the Androscoggin Bank Coliseum)

Skating is a fun & healthy activity the whole family can enjoy! What better way to get family and friends together. After the skate, grab a bite from the concession and enjoy the game. Folks going to the skate will receive a voucher for a free game ticket.

Androscoggin Bank Coliseum

Date: **Sunday, February 8th**

Skate time: **10:00am to 11:30am**

Game time: **Noon**

Skate Rentals: **\$3.00**

