



## Team Talk



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### A Note from the Editor

Well, my goal of having the newsletter back to a monthly basis was foiled by MUNIS going live last month. This is beginning to improve (or maybe I am

just fooling myself), so I will try again..

I hope people will begin to submit items more regularly for inclusion in the newsletter—photos, stories, projects being worked on, letters, etc. Since I rarely get out and about to see exactly what it is the PW Team does on a daily basis, I am relying on you to bring it to me through pictures and write-ups. We really want to show the public all of the many areas of their lives that are affected and improved by the hard work done here. Help me show them!

If you can think of items you would like added to the newsletter (within reason), give me a holler. In newsletters I have done at other places, we would include recipes, things for sale, puzzles, etc. There may be a limit on some of these items as the newsletter is published on the City's website for the public to read, but, first and foremost, it is your newsletter and you should be seeing what interests you.

Besides the 5th Annual Pothole Breakfast being held on the 29th, R&R.com plans to hold a Memorial Day Basket raffle during May. Again, it will be created by the talented Debbie Clarke, and will include all kinds of things to kick off your summer right. Posters will be up soon and the cost of tickets will be the same as those for the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. R&R.com is always looking for new ideas and members, so, if you would like to join or make a suggestion, contact anyone on the committee: me, Deb C., Rose D., Phil B., Dennis B., Don M., Jeff B., Sue W., Dick M., or our newest member, Cheryl Morin (Recreation).

I hope to be able to hold more training sessions for MUNIS as we go forward. The session on Requisition Entries was well attended, and, I hope, helpful. It really confused Norm B., though, since the dummy requisition I created in MUNIS Test, actually went through to him as a p.o. request. Considering I grabbed account numbers, project names, vendors, dollar amounts, and engineer information out of thin air (whatever popped into my head at the time), I think we made his hair go a little whiter. Sorry, Norm. If you need any of the handouts done for that meeting, or want another specific topic, I will start brushing up on it and schedule another training. I am also available for one-on-one help.

So, KEEP IN TOUCH and let us/me know what you would appreciate seeing! Until next month—OMG it is next month!!! ~ Lauren

**WELCOME SUMMER EMPLOYEES!!!**



### KUDOS TO PUBLIC WORKS!!

**2/27/15: Dispatch received a call from Diana of 7 Bayberry Lane thanking PW for removing the snow at her cul de sac. The workers did a wonderful job and she wanted to make sure they were thanked. She had been told by the Post Office that the mail driver is not allowed to put the vehicle in reverse when delivering mail.**

# MARCH-APRIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LPW MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jeff Ricker, Hwy.
- 7 Lester Perry, Hwy.
- 8 Diz Ouellette, W&S
- 12 Mike Paradis, Bldg.
- 15 Paul Pleau, W&S
- 17 Butch Boucher, W&S
- 17 Larry Mosher, Hwy.
- 21 Gerry Lajoie, Hwy.
- 26 Lauren Shaw, Eng.
- 26 Al Patenaude, Lands.
- 31 Mike Bernier, Hwy.

## LPW APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 7 Rick Dubuc, Garage
- 8 Tim Cavanagh, Highway
- 11 Kevin Gagne, Admin.
- 14 Bert Cote, Hwy.
- 15 Jason Lydon, W&S
- 17 Dan Pelletier, Highway
- 18 Megan Bates, Admin.
- 19 Randy Nault, W&S
- 20 Dan Rodrigue, W&S
- 20 Bill Storm, Bldg.
- 26 Mike Bolduc, Hwy
- 27 Rob Stalford, SWF
- 27 TJ Couillard, Highway

## LPW MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 43 years Butch Boucher, W&S
- 32 years Marie Murphy, SWF
- 27 years Marc Cyr, Garage
- 25 years Mike Gagnon, Hwy.
- 17 years Steve Murch, Lands.
- 15 years Steve Damien, Traffic
- 14 years Bert Cote, Hwy.
- 4 years Ryan Barnes, Eng.
- 3 years Justin Early, Eng.

## LPW APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 42 years Paul Pleau, W&S
- 39 years Dave Minkowsky, W&S
- 37 years Bucky Galipeau, Hwy.
- 20 years Megan Bates, Hwy.
- 16 years Gerry Lajoie, Hwy.

## Humor for Health

From the Internet

If you see me  
talking to myself,  
don't be alarmed.  
I'm getting  
expert advice.

Related  
**BIRTHDAY**  
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## A NOTE FROM "MOM"



Sometimes I am asked why I "adopted" all of you. Every day when I get up and see No Name Pond in my backyard, I feel gratitude that never goes away to the Water & Sewer department for making it possible. New visitors say, "I didn't know we had such a beautiful place in Lewiston."

The support of Renee Bernier, a brand new councilor at the time, was so helpful. I was scared when I went before a council workshop, as we needed their approval for the system.. I was advised to bring cookies, my album of neighborhood kids building a floating loon nest, and a gift pack of safe sinkers for each councilor.

Schools had invited me to talk about loons and the upcoming lead sinker law. I was trading safe sinkers, given to me by the Audubon Society, for lead ones. I was advised to pretend I was talking to the school kids to feel more comfortable. When I ran out of safe sinkers, I suggested to the sinker company that I was their walking, talking advertisement. They gave me a huge box, and about 4000 sinkers were traded over two years. One school had a contest. The class with the most sinkers got rewarded with a pizza party that was great fun. They were third graders.

More about my introduction next month when W&S arrived the first day in a snowstorm.

Hugs. ♥♥ -Den Mom (Jeanne Raymond)



## FEBRUARY-MARCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

February was all about winter! By the end of the month, we had more than 100" of snow and it was the coldest month in history. While snow removal had to be interrupted several times to plow additional storms, we hauled more than 75,000 cubic yards to our snow dump at the Operations Center on River Rd. If stacked squarely, this snow would cover a typical 100' X 100' residential house lot to a height of more than 200' (the height of a 20-story building)! Our water folks were busy responding to 10 water main breaks and more than 30 frozen services. It was a challenge for everyone to keep up with this onslaught.

March gave us an opportunity to catch up with snow removal, with less than 3 inches of snow, only 1 plowable storm, and 2 additional sander events. Yet the cold continued causing 12 water main breaks due to the frost. Much of the month our Highway crew was on nights doing snow removal, but by the end of the month the air changed and we began limited spring sweeping. The remaining snow will likely delay the spring cleanup assistance week normally scheduled for the end of April. Another upcoming event is a Maine DEP Audit of the City's MS4 program (Municipal Separate Sewer/Storm System) in mid-April.



Here are some specifics for February and March:

### Street/Road & Sidewalk Improvement Projects

The crews completed the following workload:

- Responded to 2 sanding events and 6 plowable storms with a total accumulation of over 35" bringing the winter total to more than 100" of snow;
- Trouble spot snow removal at numerous locations (Night snow removal began Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>);
- Removed a total of nearly 200,000 cubic yards of snow from City streets and sidewalks;
- Began addressing numerous potholes using our asphalt hotbox;
- Removed Christmas lights on Lisbon St;
- Replaced numerous signs damaged during winter operations;
- Began sidewalk and street sweeping operations

### Contracted project status:

- Bids were opened for the Lewiston Amphitheater & River Access contract, which is part of the Riverfront Development. It is undergoing a "value engineering" review, and will be revisited by the City Council in April;
- Held two Public meetings, met with the Bike Ped Committee & briefed the City Council on the Lisbon St. Rehab (Chestnut- Main) project, which is being delayed to allow the Council to address a petition regarding the project;
- MDOT PIN 017316&017874. Work resumes in the spring, including the replacement of the Stetson Rd. bridge;
- MTA bridge and mainline improvements to the Lewiston Interchange project to CPM Constructors continues with limited nighttime road closures for steel replacement;
- Still awaiting MDOT/FHWA approval to begin design of a project to improve Bartlett St. (East Ave.-Sabattus St.)



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## **Safety Begins with You!!**

Members of the Safety Committee urge employees to be vigilant while on the job. As the season change, there a new dynamic in the types of assignments given, and people are out and about on the streets more every day. We want all employees, and the residents they interact with, to be healthy & be safe!!

### **Bring items of concern to any member, below.**

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Norm Saindon, Chair       | Steve Damien, Vice Chair |
| Don Mailhot, Sfty. Coord. | Jim Ward, GIS            |
| Norm Roy, W&S             | Bill Storm, Bldgs.       |
| Phil Brienza, Garage      | Jon Elie, Hwy.           |
| Hubie Affo, Hwy.          | Al Patenaude, Hwy.       |
| Rob Stalford, SWF         | Lauren Shaw, Eng.        |
| Nick Poland, Hwy.         |                          |

## **50/50 Raffle Winners**

02/20/15	Lauren Shaw	\$17.50
02/27/15	Mike Bernier	\$22.00
03/06/15	Mike Danforth	\$20.50
03/13/15	Bucky Galipeau	\$20.50
03/20/15	Mike Robitaille	\$25.50
03/27/15	Keith Martin	\$19.00
04/03/15	Chuck Smith	\$28.00
	Gerry Lajoie	\$28.00
04/10/15	Norm Roy	\$100.00
04/17/15	Wes Enman	\$25.50
04/24/15	Rod Hill	\$23.00
04/29/15	Ryan Arnold	\$48.50
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## Director's Report Cont.

### Water, Sewer and Stormwater –

Work performed by the Water & Sewer crews included:

- Responded to/ repaired 10 water main breaks & 41 frozen services- frost was 5' deep;
- Responded to 46 E-GOV'S and 145 Dig Safe requests;
- Responded to and repaired 12 main leaks and 2 service leaks;
- Responded to 42 customer concerns with all but 6 completed;
- Responded to 12 sewer back-ups (6 of them were private issues);
- Continued to monitor 750 plus fire hydrants, removing snow, checking to see if they were frozen, and, more recently, removing winter markers. Five were repaired because of accidents, old age, or frost heaves;
- Continued to progress on the water valve program and the sewer flushing program;
- Continued daily readings of water meters, and replaced 175 meters and testing 98 others. All tests came back failing on low high flows;
- The water leaking into Sabattus St. near 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;
- Continue to dig and repair curb boxes for the meter program and open and shut request from property owners;
- Continue to repair manholes damaged by plows or frost;



Construction projects and studies. The following are being worked:

- Hart Brook Water Quality Restoration Phase 1 project was awarded to Pratt & Sons. This project will install 3 stormwater bio-filtration systems and one nutrient separating baffle box in the Lewiston Industrial Park as part of the Hart Brook Watershed Management Plan. They are waiting for the weather to break to begin work.
- The 2015 Sewer Condition Assessment contract was awarded to Ted Berry in March. The project will inspect about 146,00 LF of sewer pipes and nearly 700 manholes.
- Callahan Construction was awarded the Main St Storm Drain project, which will install 825' of storm drain on Main St. between King Ave. & Montello to separate the storm & sewer lines.
- The apparent low bidder for the 2015 Water Main Replacement contract is St. Laurent & Son. This project will replace 3,850' of 6" water mains with new 8" mains on Glennview, Delcliff, Maplewood, Shawmut, and Bradley.
- We continue work for the Clean Water Act Master Plan (CWAMP) efforts;
- National Water Main Cleaning Co. will continue the inspection of the sewer mains and manholes in the spring.
- The Cure-in-Place Sewer Lining contract was awarded to Insituform Technologies to line about 12,000' in 2015;
- Bids for the replacement of the River Rd Sewer Pump Station (#1) are due April 16<sup>th</sup>. 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;
- Minor clean-up work will be completed in the spring for: Jepson Brook Phase 5 of the CSO Sewer/Stormwater project (7 streets on the south side of Sabattus St. in the Garcelon Bog area); Jepson Brook Phase 6 of the CSO Sewer/Stormwater; and Leavitt Ave. W&S Separation.
- A study of Jepson Brook began to evaluate the capacity of the drainage channel and pipes, identify improvements necessary, and to 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 St., which appears to be a restriction to full flow;



### Solid Waste (SWF) –

- Much of February had the crew removing snow from the access roads and drop-off area.
- The results of the Fall (November) Groundwater Monitoring Event were forwarded to Maine DEP. The results were within historical values and not indicative of degrading water quality.
- Draft letters were prepared to inform towns that maintain agreements with Lewiston, to bring their Single Stream Recyclable Materials to Lewiston's SWF for transfer to Casella's processing facilities or their agreements would be terminated as of June 30, 2015.
- Preparing draft annual report on SWF operations for 2014. This report will include revisions, requested as part of the Maine DEP approval for Casella to assume operational control of the area around the former shredder building for the collection and processing of Single Stream Recyclable Materials, to the SWF's:
  - \* Operations Manual
  - \* Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan
  - \* Cell Development Plan



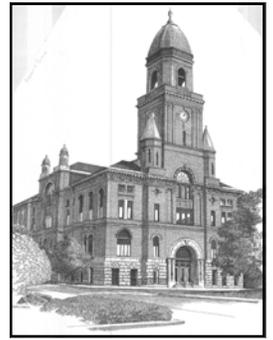
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## Director's Report Cont.



### Building Maintenance

- In February, snow removal was the focus around the City's buildings & parking garages.
- The Building Division crew will be working on a second conference room located on the first floor in the northeast corner of the City Hall Building.
- The Building Division will also be working on exterior building cleanup at City Hall, Violations Bureau, Library, Police, and all five parking garages.
- Bid documents for the Armory Exterior Rehabilitation Project are being prepared and expected to be advertised in April.



### Rec Services –

#### Activities/Meetings - Armory

- Regular Meetings for the following groups at the Armory: Lewiston Senior Citizens (L.S.C.) Board & Membership meetings, L.S.C. Bingo (bi-monthly), Cribbage, Pinochle, Bridge & Card Games (weekly), American Legion Post 22, Franco-American War Veterans & Auxiliary Post 31, Disabled American Veterans, Association Canado-Americaine Chapter Dr. Paul Fortier, Lewiston G.O.P., L/A Veterans, Post 9150, Post 210, Lewiston Democrats, Lewiston Republicans, Lewiston Middle School Alternative Education Class, Basketball practices for Central Maine Christian Academy, St. Dominic's Academy, LRD Grade School & Co-Ed/Kinder Basketball games, YMCA Gymnastics, and Lewiston Area Youth Cheering League practices.

#### Armory Events:

- The L/A CASH Coalition continued through the month assisting citizens with free tax preparation services. On February 8<sup>th</sup>, the Rec Division's 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls travel basketball team hosted a tournament at the Armory. Lewiston P.D. held a 3-day Self Defense training the first week in March. The YMCA Gymnastics program hosted a home meet on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Maine Federal Credit Union held a Financial Fitness Fair for area high school students on March 25<sup>th</sup>. They had a larger than expected turn out, with over 230 students in attendance. The Auburn Exchange held its annual Gun Show March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### 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 & B2) teams finished with regular games and have begun their playoff games. Staff prepared registrations & distributed spring program newsletters to Lewiston schools. The batting cages are set-up and reservations have begun - We have the only indoor cages available to the public in the L/A area!
- Staff are busy interviewing candidates for T-ball coach and Lacrosse Director positions. The very popular & very fun, 6-week instructional T-Ball program is underway at Longley School.

#### Looking ahead:

- The YMCA's Gymnastics program is hosting a State meet on Friday, Saturday, & Sunday (April 17, 18, 19). April brings "Mr. Drew & His Animals Too" to the Armory courtesy of the LSC. The 1<sup>st</sup> annual May Day Craft Fair will be held Saturday, May 2, at the Armory.

#### Upcoming Programs:

- Lacrosse and Track Fundamentals will be starting this month! Registrations have been steadily pouring into the office. Men's Softball is now holding organizational and umpires meetings to get ready for their upcoming season. Day Camp registration is open, with several parents already taking advantage and signing their children up.



#### Noteworthy:

- Jason Hanken (right) began his work as the Recreation Programs Coordinator and has made a quick start to provide great service to the City and its citizens.



# From the Past

Will Return Next Month