



# City of Lewiston

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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

## How well do you know Lewiston?

Most Mainers think they know Lewiston, but how well do you really know Maine's second-largest city?

The **Bangor Daily News** did an on-line quiz in December. If you're interested in taking it, click on the link below. Lots of folks had fun doing it!

<http://bangordailynews.com/2015/12/08/quizzes/how-well-do-you-know-lewiston/>



The first & easy question was, "Who was the basilica named for?"

- Answer: St. Peter & Paul

A day each year (the first Friday in December) is set aside in central Maine to promote and celebrate educational attainment. Residents, employees at various businesses, students, etc. are encouraged to wear their college apparel to work or out and about in the community, honoring their favorite college. Local coffee vendors support this initiative by giving away a free small coffee to anyone coming in and wearing college apparel or stickers that are provided throughout the community. Participating vendors are listed below.



# City Administrator

Edward A. Barrett

With the re-election of Mayor Robert Macdonald in the December 8<sup>th</sup> runoff, Lewiston now has a full slate of elected officials for the 2016-2018 term. I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate the elected officials returned to office, including Mayor Macdonald and Councilors Shane Bouchard, Kristen Cloutier, and Michael Lachance and to welcome newly elected Councilors Jim Lysen, Tim Lajoie, Isobel Golden, and Joline Beam. ( Council pictured below at the Inauguration taking the oath of office)



From left to right: Councilor Ward 1, Jim Lysen; Councilor Ward 2, Tim Lajoie; Councilor Ward 3, Isobel Golden; Councilor Ward 4, Shane Bouchard; Councilor Ward 5 & Council President, Kristen Cloutier; Councilor Ward 6, Joline Landry Beam, and Councilor Ward 7, Michael Lachance.

With the municipal officers selected, City staff coordinated a day long orientation for the four new Councilors. Given work schedules, two separate sessions were held on December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. General topics covered included Maine's Open Meeting and Freedom of Access laws, guidance on how to refer citizen complaints to staff, information on how the Council operates and is scheduled, an overview of the City's labor relations and union contract status, and background information on the various agencies jointly operated or funded by Lewiston and Auburn. In addition, each of the City's Department heads presented information on their departments and discuss major issues and challenges they face.



City Clerk Kathy Montejo administering the oath of office to Mayor Macdonald

Staff also briefed the new Councilors on major upcoming issues that they are likely to face early in their terms. These include:

- **The annual review and approval of the City's five year capital plan.** This plan is presented to the Council each January and must be adopted in February after a review process that also includes the Planning Board and the Finance Committee. This plan helps inform the annual budget process and, eventually, the selection of projects to be undertaken in the first year of the plan, along with how those projects will be funded.
- **The annual budget process.** The City's Departments are now in the process of preparing their proposed budgets for the coming year beginning in July 2016. After management review, the budget will go to the Council in March, and much of March and April will be devoted to its review prior to adoption scheduled for May.
- **Bates Mill 5.** The Bates Mill project continues to move forward; however, it is not yet at a point where a final Joint Development Agreement is in place. The Option now in place with the developer will expire in February, and the new Council will be asked to review and judge progress and determine whether the option should be extended.
- **The Comprehensive Plan.** The Planning Board will complete its review of the draft of the new comprehensive plan early in the new calendar year. The City Council will then be tasked with undertaking its own review and taking final action on it.
- **Riverfront Island and the Lewiston Canal System.** The new Council will be challenged to continue the effort to implement the Riverfront Island master plan and to support development in this crucial area of the city. At the same time, discussions on the ownership of the canal system are on-going with Brookfield White Pine Hydro, LLC, and the Council will be asked to guide this effort. The City has been working for years toward owning the canal system so that it can be improved and become an amenity supporting the riverfront plan and private development in the area. We hope that this effort will reach a point early in the new Council's term where action can finally be taken.
- **Housing.** The nature and quality of housing in Lewiston, particularly in our downtown area, remains a significant issue. The recommendations of the recently concluded Downtown Building Task force will need to be reviewed and the new Council will be asked to provide direction on how to proceed.

It's clear that the new Council will be faced with a number of significant issues and challenges early in its term of office. All of this, of course, while continuing to handle the necessary routine business and other issues as they arise. The next few months should be both educational and, hopefully, productive.

## ASSESSING NOTICE: 2016 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION CHANGE

The State of Maine Homestead Exemption will be increasing from \$10,000 to \$15,000 for the Fiscal 2017 Tax Year. This change will affect the tax bill that comes out in August 2016.

The Assessor's office is encouraging homeowners who reside in Lewiston and who are not currently receiving the Homestead Exemption to apply by **April 1, 2016**. Applications are available on the Assessing department page of the City of Lewiston's website or at the Assessor's office on the second floor of City Hall. Homeowners that are currently receiving the Exemption will see the increase automatically, and do not need to re-apply.

Feel free to contact the Assessor's office at (207) 513-3122 ext. 3206 with any questions.

Ye Olde Homestead



# Economic & Community Development

Lincoln Jeffers, Director

## Development Planned for Exit 80, South Lewiston

Land across from the northbound off ramp at Exit 80 has been targeted for retail development for over a decade. A major retailer has expressed interest in the site and has been conducting due diligence for its development, as has Dave Gendron, the land owner. While the retailer has not yet committed to the site, Gendron's evaluation has indicated the site will be extraordinarily expensive to develop because of topography, ledge, wetlands, the need to build a significant retaining wall and to relocate a pipeline. Gendron approached the City last summer about the possibility of creating a public/private partnership that will use a portion of the new tax revenues generated by the development to reimburse Gendron for the extraordinarily high site development costs he incurs.

The City Council recently approved the Exit 80-South Lewiston Omnibus Tax Increment Financing District and Development Program. Under that program, the City will pay for the extension of water and sewer to the site and for offsite traffic improvements required by the development. New tax revenues generated will be used to pay the City's debt service associated with the project, as well as to pay Gendron 40% of the new taxes generated within the district for 20 years or until he has been made whole for the extraordinary site costs incurred, whichever comes first.

The Exit 80 South Lewiston Omnibus TIF District is 426 acres in size and will last for 30 years. The retail site, which is included within the district, is 56 acres. Attracting a major retail anchor to the Exit 80 area will serve as a catalyst and springboard for development in the larger district. A full build out analysis for the area projects \$150,000,000 in development could occur in the South Lewiston area over the next 20-30 years; with future development consisting of:

- 2,165,000 SF of commercial/warehouse
- 540,000 SF of retail
- 231,000 SF of office
- 13,000 SF of restaurant
- 3,000 SF of gas station
- 200 hotel rooms

The first TIF agreement within the Omnibus TIF District was made with the developer to support the site development for the anticipated retail anchor tenant. It is for a term of 20 years. Any future agreements supporting additional development in the area will need to be approved by the City Council, allowing the City to evaluate the support needed and benefit to the City.

The Exit 80 area has been targeted for commercial and industrial development over the last 20 years. Infrastructure has been focused in this area to support the growing industry needs and development. Previous attempts have been made to attract retail to this area; however market changes have delayed development until now.

## 18 Agencies Apply for 2016 CDBG Funding

In December, the City of Lewiston announced the availability of funds for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs. Lewiston is a CDBG Entitlement Community and has been receiving these funds since 1974. CDBG funds are annually appropriated by Congress. They are administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The funds may be used for various activities which principally benefit low and moderate-income persons. For the last several years Lewiston has received approximately \$750,000 annually. A total of 18 agencies submitted applications, requesting a total of \$295,595 in funding. HUD rules limit the amount of funds that can be distributed to agencies at 15% of that year's allocation and prior year's program income (loan repayments). Lewiston's 2016 CDBG grant award is not yet known, but is expected to be similar to recent years, which will translate to approximately \$140,000 available for agency requests.

## LA Lead Program Update

As the first year of the Lewiston Auburn Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control program comes to a close, approximately 85 units have been assessed for the program in both Lewiston and Auburn. That is roughly 38% of the anticipated 225 units the program aims to address during its three years. At the close of December, approximately 40 units were under contract and 22 units had been cleared of lead hazards. Over the next two years, the program will fund approximately \$2,995,159 in lead-based paint remediation projects as well \$400,000 in healthy home improvements.



L/A Arts and Arts & Culture Lewiston Auburn (ACLA) have received a seed grant from the Maine Arts Commission called Creative Communities = Economic Development (CCED). The grant will enable these organizations to create a cultural plan for Lewiston Auburn. This plan will be a strategic approach to defining and implementing goals for the arts and culture in Lewiston Auburn. With LA Arts as the lead and the 15+ member Arts and

Culture LA as partners, this project will bring together leaders and members of the community to establish meaningful partnerships and develop projects which will elevate the creative sector in the Twin Cities. As part of the planning process, LA Arts is reaching out to the community for input on how they utilize current arts and culture activities in the area, as well as what they desire to see in

the future. Collecting this information is critical to helping shape a plan that will benefit the community at large.

There are currently three surveys:

Public Opinion: <http://reinholtconsulting.com/la-public/>

Artists: <http://reinholtconsulting.com/la-artist/>

Arts and Culture Businesses / Organizations: <http://reinholtconsulting.com/la-business/>

For those that prefer to share their thoughts by hand, you can find hardcopies and drop-off boxes in the following locations:

Auburn City Hall  
Auburn Public Library  
Gritty's Pub  
Lewiston City Hall (Third Floor)  
Lewiston Public Library  
Forage Market  
Wicked Illustrations



# Fire

Chief Paul LeClair

## December at the Fire Department was a Month of Giving, Caring and a Special Thank You!



Lewiston Firefighters **Local 785** once again filled the wishes of many local children for the Christmas holiday season.

Firefighters were given a list and ventured out to do the shopping.

Mayor Robert Macdonald was on hand at Central Station to witness the donations to Hope Haven and the Salvation Army. In addition, Dollar General set out boxes and collected gifts from their customers that also were donated to Hope Haven. A huge thank you goes out to all who were involved.

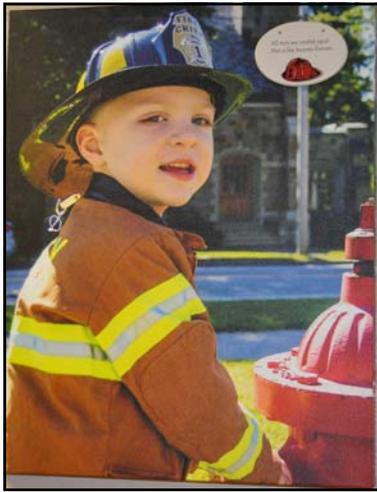


### Lewiston Fire Fighters' Raise Funds for M.D.A.



On December 7th, a check was presented to representatives from **Muscular Dystrophy of Maine** in the amount of \$18,000. Firefighters hit the streets during 2015 doing numerous **Boot Drives** at various locations throughout the city. Proceeds raised from the "Battle of The Badges" annual hockey tournament were also donated to the fund raising effort.

The firefighters and the M.D.A. wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone in the community who helped to **"FILL THE BOOT"** and make this year a huge success!



## Riley's Special Thank You

In July, Local 785 and The L.F.D. celebrated Riley's 5th birthday at Central Station. Soon after his birthday celebration, Riley developed complications from his Leighs Disease disorder. In early December, Riley paid us a visit and presented the department and firefighters with a canvas portrait of himself wearing the firefighter gear that was a gift to him at his birthday party. He is a young man of very few words; however, he proudly displays a picture in his home of himself and the firefighters that was taken the day of his birthday party.... looks at it with a smile, and says, "My Guys." 

"All men are created equal ~ then a few become firemen."



## Central Station



Two College Street  
Lewiston

## Keep All Exits Clear Of Snow

The L.F.D urges residents to remove accumulated snow that may be blocking back doors and to keep balconies and fire escapes clear, ensuring that at least two exits from their home are accessible in case of fire.



# Heating Safety

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

### BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

- »»» Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- »»» Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- »»» Never use your oven to heat your home.
- »»» Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- »»» Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- »»» Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- »»» Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- »»» Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- »»» Test smoke alarms monthly.



## Heating Equipment Smarts

**Install** wood burning stoves following manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

**Install** and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you **smell** gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.



### FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of **December, January, and February.**

Lewiston Fire Department

Wants To Keep You Safe



Your Source for **SAFETY** Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169



## School Superintendent Bill Webster

### Lewiston Public Schools

#### Auditor's Report

Our auditors, RHR Smith & Company, have completed their work on fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. They gave the financial statements of Lewiston Public Schools a clean opinion. One of the bright spots is the amount in the General Fund unassigned fund balance, which increased from a negative \$510,741 as of June 30, 2014 to \$1,938,260 as of June 30, 2015. This balance will be an additional revenue source for next year and will reduce what would otherwise have to be either raised in property taxes or reduced services.

#### A busy start to the new term for the newly-elected School Committee

Date	Type	Description
January 11 <sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm	Workshop	Role and responsibilities of school boards and members. Conducted by Exec. Director of MSMA.
January 11 <sup>th</sup> 6:45 pm	Regular	Agenda - approval of School Committee operating procedures, nomination of Adult Ed Director, selection of bus transportation provider for next 5 years, decision on early start for relocating Franklin Pasture athletic fields (see below)
January 14 <sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm	Workshop	Dinner with principals and directors and presentation and discussion on goals for Lewiston Public Schools.
January 16 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 am – 2:00 pm.	Workshop	Subcommittee work, budget process, PBL, communication.

#### Educational Technician Contract Negotiations

The Lewiston Education Association and the Lewiston School Committee have begun negotiations on a new contract as the existing contract expires as of June 30, 2016. Both parties have agreed to use interest-based bargaining (IBB) where issues are identified and both parties work collaboratively on possible solutions.

### **Decision by New School Committee on Athletic Fields**

Unlike most state-funded school construction projects, we are also seeking to accelerate the playing field relocation so that at least some of the new fields will be available in 2017 when the new school construction begins. Ordinarily, construction documents are developed after a successful public referendum. Ours is scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup>. The acceleration of this development and related consultant work would put Lewiston Public Schools at more financial risk if the referendum is not successful. On the other hand, failure to accelerate the field construction will result in not having any fields available for at least one year. To be clear, there is financial risk in either case since we will have incurred roughly \$600,000 in project costs without accelerating the playing field work. The financial risk will increase to roughly \$900,000 if we proceed with construction documents for the playing fields.

### **Truancy**

While Maine's truancy laws are dated, they represent the only legal recourse we have to address extended absences. The law defines a truant as "A student that has completed grade 6 and has the equivalent of 10 full days of unexcused absences or 7 consecutive school days of unexcused absences during a school year or is at least 7 years of age and has not completed grade 6 and has the equivalent of 7 full days of unexcused absences or 5 consecutive school days of unexcused absences during a school year."

As part of our work with Count Me In and the Campaign for Grade Level Reading, we have created procedures to track and address chronic absenteeism (missing 10% of school for any reason). Some of the steps schools will take include reaching out to the parents whether by phone or mail to try to understand what issues affect the students' attendances. If attendance remains problematic and meets Maine's definition of truancy, the Superintendent's office sends out a certified letter to the parents stating the possible ramifications of their child not attending school.

Unfortunately, over the years we have seen that these measures have not had productive results. We have started a new initiative with the District Attorney's office and the Lewiston Police Department to address and possibly charge parents/guardians with fines up to \$250, as stipulated by the Maine statutes. Our goal is not to penalize families, but to ensure that children attend school.

### **Update on Vacancies and Substitute Fill Rates**

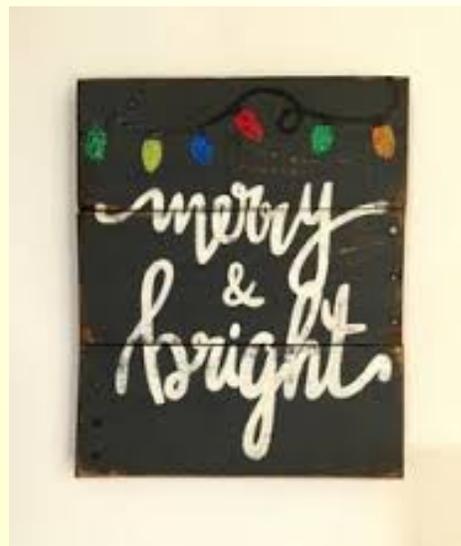
We are now using for the first time outside staffing firms to help us fill our 24 open educational technician openings. If we filled just *half* of these positions, the teacher fill rate could move to 80%, and the ed tech rate to 65%. If we filled all the positions, we could have an overall fill rate approaching 100%. More information to come.



### Tweets and Facebook Entries

Follow me on Twitter @LewistonSuper or on Facebook at Lewiston Public Schools Superintendent.

Date	Tweet
12/3/15	DOE signs contract with Measured Progress for new state educational assessment to be administered this spring.
12/6/15	Congrats, LRTC! 2nd place in the Thomas College Cup (Robotics and Cyber Security) and on the Bangor evening news!
12/16/15	Attended the DARE graduation for Farwell 6th graders. Great program by Officer Strout cultivating skills in students.
12/18/15	Support Project Grad (chem-free graduation party) for the LHS Class of 2016 by bidding in their silent auction - <a href="https://www.charityauctionorganizer.com">https://www.charityauctionorganizer.com</a>
12/11/15	Be a business mentor for an LRTC student with a business plan in our Young Entrepreneurs Academy. Call 795-4144.
12/14/15	Tonight we honored our departing SC members, ZamZam Mohamud, Trinh Burpee, Jama Mohamed & Jim Handy (with family).
12/17/15	Is a sophomore or junior at LHS brave enough to apply for this leadership program? Mr. Dumont or Julia Sleeper will help. h\
	Gov LePage nominated Acting DOE Commissioner Bill Beardsley to be DOE Commissioner. Next, State Board interview & Senate vote



# Planning & Code Enforcement

Gil Arsenault, Director

## Planning Board

On December 7th, the Board held an executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C) to discuss real estate negotiations, of which the premature disclosure of the information would prejudice the competitive bargaining position of the City. In addition, the Board continued its review of the Comprehensive Plan.

On December 14th, the Board took the following actions: Granted approval to Sebago Technics on behalf of Central Maine Medical Center for the construction of 32 parking spaces at 100-112 Holland Street; made a favorable recommendation to the City Council for the disposition of 168 Blake Street through a formal bid process with a minimum bid amount of \$10,000 and that notification of the sale be provided to all property owners within 200' of the property; and, made a favorable recommendation to the City Council for the acquisition in the form of a donation of 325 Alfred A. Plourde Parkway and 645 Webster.

## Board of Appeals

On December 2nd, the Board granted approval to Edith Dow c/o Top of the World Entertainment for a conditional use permit to establish a Class A lounge (i.e. a drinking place) at the Promenade Mall located at 855 Lisbon Street. A condition was imposed that sufficient parking lot security be provided to ensure that the adjoining residential property owners are not impacted as patrons are leaving the premises.



## PERMIT ACTIVITY - 2015

- ◆ 38 building permits with a reported value of \$630,381 – one new single-family home was permitted
- ◆ 4 plumbing permits
- ◆ 47 electrical permits

There were no major projects.

## PERMIT ACTIVITY - 2014

- ◆ 30 building permits with a reported value of \$5,063,225 – one new single-family home was permitted
- ◆ 9 plumbing permits
- ◆ 24 electrical permits

The largest dollar-value permit issued for was for a 64-bed Alzheimer's' facility located at 45 Mollison Way.

## Historic Preservation Review Board

On December 10th, the Board took the following actions:

### Kennedy Park Bandstand Roof

The Board granted a Certificate of Appropriateness to the City of Lewiston for the replacement of the tin roof covering on the Kennedy Park Bandstand. The existing roofing is covered with lead paint, is severely deteriorated, and cannot remain in place. The new covering will be installed by Hahnel Brothers and they will replicate the existing roof using an aluminum product. The existing spire and emblem will be used on the new covering.

### Agora Grand, LLC

The Board granted a Certificate of Appropriateness to Andrew Knight, owner of Agora Grand, LLC, for a free standing ground sign to be placed at 220 Bates Street.

### Lead Abatement Grant

The Board also conducted a public hearing to obtain input regarding exterior changes to 76 Howard Street. This property is not a City regulated historic property; however, it is under a lead abatement order and is slated to receive federal lead abatement grant funds via the City of Lewiston. A public hearing was required as a result of this property being historically significant and because federal funds may be used. No action was required on the part of the Board.

### Enforcement Action

In addition to numerous notices of violations, two residential buildings were condemned via the International Property Maintenance Code, one citation was issued and the following properties were forwarded to the City Attorney for legal action: 111 Ash Street, 166 Bartlett Street and 182 Blake Street.

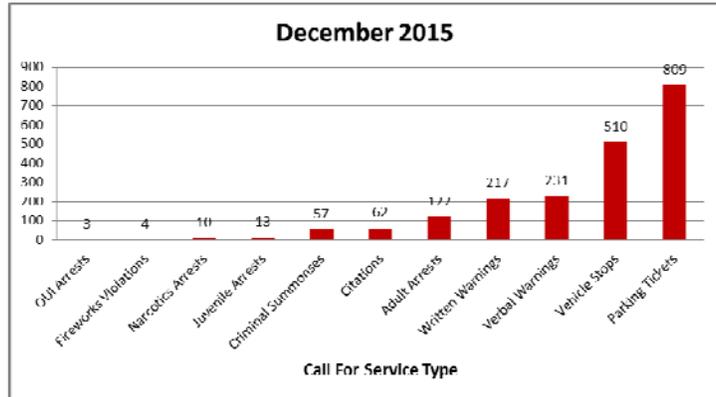


# Police

Mike Bussiere, Chief

Calls For Service	11/2015
Total CFS	3,069
Vehicle Stops	510
Citations	62
Written Warnings	217
Verbal Warnings	231
Adult Arrests	122
Juvenile Arrests	13
Criminal Summonses	57
Narcotics Arrests	10
OUI Arrests	3
Parking Tickets	809
Fireworks Violations	4

## Statistics



On December 16, Officers Griffin and Philippon participated in the Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce's Stuff the Bus event. During this event, toys were collected for distribution to children of families in need.

## Community Events

### Meetings attended by Lewiston Police:

- ◆ Androscoggin Community Collaborative
- ◆ Community Partnerships for Protecting Children (CPPC)
- ◆ New Mainer Community Collaborative
- ◆ World Refugee Day planning
- ◆ Head Start Executive Board meeting
- ◆ Somali Women of Maine (topics: domestic violence, role of police)
- ◆ Sound Limbs (topic: safety plan(s) for the business)
- ◆ St. Mary's Regional Medical Center (topic: human trafficking)
- ◆ Juvenile Justice Collaborative
- ◆ Bartlett Street Mosque

### OTHER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Officer Philippon conducted a Police Orientation course for Catholic Charities of Maine
- ◆ Officers of the Community Resource Team held Coffee With A Cop at Frye School Apartments, Blake Street Towers, and Oak Park Apartments
- ◆ Sworn personnel were well represented while attending D.A.R.E. graduations at Geiger and Farwell Elementary Schools
- ◆ At Martel Elementary School, officers assisted students with compiling missing persons reports in an attempt to locate their missing gingerbread men
- ◆ Officer Griffin instructed a personal safety course at Safe Voices
- ◆ Officers escorted Geiger Elementary School students to Montello Manor for Christmas caroling



**D.A.R.E.**



### Enforcement

- Throughout the month, patrol efforts were focused on the city's various parking garages - locating transients was a priority.
- Several Hot Spot details were planned, organized, and implemented.
- Notifications of sex offenders moving within the city were provided to Lewiston's residents.

### Recruitment

- Officers Garrett Clark and Andrew James are two new recruits who graduated from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy (MCJA) in December.
- The Police Department was represented at the CareerCenter during a recent job fair. Several individuals discussed recruitment and employment opportunities with officers.

## Training

As part of officers' training, various policies and procedures are reviewed regularly.

December SOPs included:

- motor vehicle searches
- confidential informants
- disorderly properties

During field training, new officers were educated on aspects of community policing.

Work continued on the implementing Project Lifesaver, and six officers were trained.

Officer Weaver attended a three-month school and is now a certified polygraph examiner.

Officers attended training hosted by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME).



# Public Works

Dave Jones, Director



We finally deployed our salt/sand trucks on December 23rd to respond to early morning icing conditions. This is the latest I recall since I started here in 1999. Our first plowable snow storm occurred Dec 29<sup>th</sup> with only about 3.5 inches of snow that later turned to sleet and freezing rain. Here is a summary of some of the work completed this month:

## Street/Road & Sidewalk Improvement Projects

**The Highway Division crews completed the following:**

- General paving patching occurred at more than 20 locations; Lisbon Street, Park Street, and Middle Street were more significant;
- The Chadbourne Road gravel road was regraded;
- The Vac-All continued to clean catch-basins and our street sweepers continued maintaining our downtown streets until the weather wouldn't allow;
- Storm drain repairs were completed in seven areas including culvert, catch-basin and manhole repairs;
- Ditch maintenance and rehab occurred on outer College Street, Foch Street, Bradbury Road, Chadbourne Road and No Name Pond Road;
- The Pavement Marking crew installed a new bike lane when Lincoln Street was repaved between Cedar and Locust and painted turn and lane markings at numerous locations while the weather allowed;
- The Arborist crew completed tree work at 20 locations including removing hazardous trees on Switzerland Road, Genest Street, Montello Street, Shirley Street, Nell Street and Old Bloody Road;
- The Traffic crew painted islands on Russell, Sabattus, and Lisbon Street, repaired or replaced signs at 11 locations, and painted lines to identify catch-basins in flood prone low spots;

low spots;

- Open Space crew cleaned up leaves and branches in all parks and cemeteries, picked up litter, mowed and cleared several vacant lots, covered the jeep in Veterans Park for the winter, replaced boards on the Garcelon Bog boardwalk, and bush-hogged both detention ponds at Gendron Drive;
- Staff took advantage of the good weather to complete needed training;
- Responded to 98 Dig Safe stormwater piping location requests;
- Total revenue from excavation and occupancy permits for calendar year 2015 was nearly \$33,000 (excavation permits \$20,996 and occupancy permits \$11,916).

## Contracted projects status update:

- **Oxford Street Rehabilitation** is nearly complete. There are punch list items remaining and we will be addressing quality issues with the contractor (C.H. Stevenson);
- **Lisbon Street Rehabilitation** (Chestnut Street to Main Street) project was approved by the MDOT and is scheduled to be bid during this winter with construction scheduled to take place during the 2016 construction season;
- **The Riverfront Amphitheater and River Access** is complete with only reseeding needed in the spring;
- **Park Street Rehabilitation project** - J Pratt Construction completed the project in November;

- **The Lisbon Street MDOT project**, which repaved Lisbon Street (Westminster Street to Strawberry Patch Road) continued. Work on the ramps to Plourde Parkway and Commercial Street remains along with some striping and signal work;
- **The Pond Road Rehabilitation** was completed with more than 1,100 tons of asphalt placed in July;
- **MTA Bridge and Mainline Improvements to the Lewiston Interchange project** continue with CPM Constructors placing abutments for the new bridge for the south-bound lanes;
- **The 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the Sabattus Street Traffic Signal project** was approved by MDOT and is scheduled to be advertised in January with construction scheduled to take place during the 2016 construction season;
- **Pavement Management program** - Gorrill Palmer Consulting Engineers has completed the data collection associated with the Pavement Management Study; they are currently calculating the pavement ratings and drafting a report with their results and recommendations;
- **Bartlett Street (MDOT)** - The Preliminary Design Report was submitted to MDOT for their review. Currently working on a "Plans Impact Complete" to show DOT what the ROW impacts are so they can begin that process. Due to the temporary easements that will need to be acquired, the project will most likely be delayed until 2017.



## Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Division

### Construction projects and studies:

- ◆ The Vale Street neighborhood is being surveyed for planned CSO work scheduled to be bid in June 2016;
- ◆ **North Lisbon Road Storm Drain project** – Currently being designed by Gorrill-Palmer and will be advertised for construction this spring;
- ◆ **Hart Brook Water Quality Restoration** - The City was awarded a grant for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control from DEP. The grant is for approximately \$93,000 from Federal Section 319 funds with a City match of \$65,000. The proposed project will install structural best management practices (BMP's) that will treat stormwater runoff in the Hart Brook watershed. Staff is currently working with DEP to finalize the project work plan. Design will occur in 2016 with construction occurring during the fall of 2016 and/or spring of 2017.
- ◆ **Cure-in-place Sewer Lining** – Engineering is beginning to review inspection videos completed this summer in order to prioritize streets for a new lining contract. The 2016 cure-in-place lining contract will be put to bid this winter for spring construction;
- ◆ **Replacement of the River Road Sewer Pump Stations** – St. Laurent and Son has been working on installation of Pump Station #1. The wet well and pump station are in place and their sub, TEC Electrical Contracting, is currently working on the electrical conduits and panels;
- ◆ **Hart Brook Sewer Repair** – The City has received the NRPA permit from DEP for repair of the erosion problems in Hart Brook near Goddard Road. A biological evaluation is currently being completed as required for the Army Corps permit;

◆ **Dumont Avenue Water and Sewer**

**Replacement:** A project to replace the water and sewer mains on Dumont Avenue was awarded to Gendron and Gendron in the amount of \$374,999.99. Construction will begin next spring;

- ◆ **Sunnyside Area Sewer Separation** – Design work for a new storm drain system on Spring Street, Summer Street, Bridge Street, Winter Street, Holland Street, West Bates Street, and Whipple Street is about 70% complete. The project will be bid this winter with construction to begin next spring;

**Work performed by the Water & Sewer Crews:**

- ◇ Responded to 4 main leaks and 2 service leaks;
- ◇ Responded to 4 sewer back-ups with all but one being private service issues;
- ◇ Responded to 31 E GOV'S with 4 remaining active;
- ◇ Crews continue to do daily water meter readings and changing out meters failing to register correctly;
- ◇ Crews continue to work on the water gate valve program and the sewer flushing program;
- ◇ Crews continue to monitor and maintain all 750 plus hydrants making sure they operate properly and don't freeze, and removing snow as needed;
- ◇ Crews continue to dig and repair curb boxes for house services impacted by the water meter program;
- ◇ Crews are also doing maintenance on all water and sewer vehicles and equipment;
- ◇ Crews have also cleaned and chlorinated one of the Webber Avenue tanks in preparation for mixers that will be installed to help maintain chlorine residuals;
- ◇ Crews continue to maintain all watershed properties and utility properties, including sanding and plowing;
- ◇ Crews responded to 112 Dig Safe requests during the month.

**Solid Waste Division**

- ⇒ ACME Scale performed annual preventative maintenance on the inbound & outbound truck scales.
- ⇒ Solid Waste Facility staff is assisting the Highway Division in evaluating options for the beneficial re-use of catch basin grit. The Highway Division generates in excess of 300 yd<sup>3</sup> of this material annually. Disposal of this material would consume in excess of \$28,000 of space if taken to the City's secure landfill.
- ⇒ Ray Ouellette provided safety training to all PW staff authorized to drive the roll-off truck for hauling waste materials on procedures for securing the roll-off container prior moving and/or tipping the container.
- ⇒ Highway Division staff repaired two catch basins in the Drop-Off area.
- ⇒ Quarterly storm water samples were collected for analysis. Both samples were below Maine DEP threshold limits for discharge into the receiving waters.
- ⇒ December 2015 Single Stream Recycle Rate – 136.4 tons Single Stream Recycle waste, 848.2 tons MSW to MMWAC. These tonnages include curbside residential collection, schools & municipal buildings and the drop-off area and result in a recycle rate of 14%.



**Building Maintenance**

- The PW truck wash facility is now operational;
- Staff is evaluating custodial services for various buildings to decide on contract changes.

## Recreation Division

### RECREATION FALL PROGRAMS

#### Co-Ed Basketball (114 youth participating)

- Youth in grades 1- 8 are now playing on Saturdays
- Grades 3-6 have one midweek practice

#### Kinder Basketball

Registration is underway for this 6-week Instructional program designed for 4-6 year olds. The session begins January 2nd.

#### Grade School Basketball

There are 22 teams this season playing games 4-days a week at the Armory and Longley School.

#### Volleyball

Men's, Women's, Co-Ed (A's, B1 and B2) teams are continuing with their regular league play at both the Armory and Longley School.

Standings are posted weekly by the director via Facebook for the Co-Ed division players.



### December Armory Events

The Lewiston Senior Citizens held their annual Christmas party and luncheon at the former CJ Hall (Pelletier's) on Monday, December 7th.

Lewiston Recreation Night was held at Bates Alumni Gym, on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Youth wearing their LRD shirts got in to both games for free!

### Upcoming January Events

The ELKS Club Hoop Shoot will be held at the Armory on Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Winning area youth have a chance to participate in local, regional, state, and national competitions.

Pictured (right) are the new Lewiston Seniors Board members and (below) attendees at the membership meeting.



# Wellness Information & Updates



2016  
City of Lewiston  
**WELLNESS CALENDAR**  
(See back for program details)



## JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
For the winter quarter, the Wellness Team is bringing you <b>FREAKY FITNESS FRIDAYS</b>					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Cardio Sport, 8:00am
17	18 Martin Luther King Day	19	20	21	22 Shoeshoe Drawing Sign-up deadline	23
24 31	25	26	27 Lunch N Learn - The Power of Ten City Hall, 11:30am	28	29 Shoeshoe Drawing	30 Cardio Sport, 8:00am

## FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 American Heart Month	2 Blood P. Screening City Hall, 8:30am to 9:30am Weight Loss Challenge City Hall, 8:30am to 9:30am	3	4	5 Jeans Day! National Wear Red Day & American Heart Month	6 Cardio Sport, 8:00am
7	8	9	10	11	12 Freaky Fitness Tracker Drawing	13
14 Friends & Family Skate Party Cardio Sport, 8:00am Valentine's Day Bal., \$10/couple	15 Presidents' Day	16 Blood P. Screening City Hall, 8:30am to 9:30am Weight Loss Challenge City Hall, 8:30am to 9:30am	17	18 Cardio Sport, 6:00pm	19 Freaky Fitness Tracker Drawing	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Bike Rental Drawing	27 Cardio Sport, 8:00am
28	29					

## MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
National Nutrition Month	National Save Your Vision Month	1 Weight Loss Challenge City Hall, 8:30am to 9:30am	2	3	4 National Nutrition Month Cookbook Drawing	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 National Nutrition Month Cookbook Drawing	12
13	14	15 Blood P. Screening City Hall, 8:30am to 9:30am Weight Loss Challenge City Hall, 8:30am to 9:30am	16	17 Green Fruit & Veggie Day Drawing	18 National Nutrition Month Cookbook Drawing	19
20	21	22	23	24 Lunch N Learn - Too Busy To Be Sick! City Hall, 11:30am	25 Bike Rental Drawing	26
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Program Details

January

**Cardio Sport**

Michael Laliberte, Cardio Sport Instructor  
Saturdays, January 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, - Ingersoll Turf Facility

**Snow Shoe Drawing Sign-Up**

Submit your name to Jim Ward to win a pair of snow shoes!  
Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> - Sign-up deadline

**Lunch N Learn - The Power of Ten**

Abigail S. DiPasquale, MPH, MCHES  
Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> - City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 11:30am

**Snow Shoe Drawing**

Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> - Drawing

**Buddies Against Bulge Weight Loss Challenge**

Heather Young, Health Care Educator  
Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> - City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, HCE Office, 8:30am to 9:30am (mandatory)  
Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> - City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, HCE Office, 8:30am to 9:30am (voluntary)

**Blood Pressure Screening**

Heather Young, Health Care Educator  
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Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> - City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, HCE Office, 8:30am to 9:30am

**Cardio Sport**

Michael Laliberte, Cardio Sport Instructor  
February 6<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, - Ingersoll Turf Facility

**Friends & Family Skate Party**

The Colisee  
Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 11:20am to 12:50am, and hockey tickets to the Spirits  
Bring Your Valentine Date to Skate top it off with a hockey game

**Freaky Friday Fitness Tracker Drawing**

Fridays, February 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> - Drawing

**Bike Rental Drawing**

Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> - Drawing

February

**Cardio Sport**

Michael Laliberte, Cardio Sport Instructor  
Dates TBA, - Ingersoll Turf Facility

**National Nutrition Month Cookbook Drawing**

Fridays, March 4<sup>th</sup>, March 11<sup>th</sup> & March 18<sup>th</sup> - Drawings

**Buddies Against Bulge Weight Loss Challenge**

Heather Young, Health Care Educator  
Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> - City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, HCE Office, 8:30am to 9:30am (voluntary)  
Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> - City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, HCE Office, 8:30am to 9:30am (voluntary)  
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**Green Fruit & Veggie Day Drawing**

Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

**Lunch N Learn - Too Busy To Be Sick**

Anne Charles, Maine Municipal Association  
Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> - City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 11:30am

March

# TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS



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