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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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August



SUMMER

New Roots Cooperative Farm

954 College Street, Lewiston



**Groundbreaking Ceremony
was held August 11th
(30-Acre Farm)**



**COOPERATIVE
DEVELOPMENT
INSTITUTE**

Items of Interest

Shop with us!

July - October 2016

at the



a mobile food market

Fresh vegetables, fruit, bread, eggs, cheese,
ready to go LUNCH ITEMS & healthy snacks & more!
Brought directly to where people live, work & play.

Cash, Credit, Debit, WIC, SNAP/EBT accepted.
Use SNAP/EBT and receive Bonus Vegetables
& Fruit with the Maine Harvest Bucks Program.



Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>12:00pm Goodwill Industries 34 Hutcherson Drive Gorham</p>	<p>11:00am-12:00pm CMMC, Dempsey Center Lowell & Bates Street, Lewiston</p>	<p>11:30am-12:30pm Bath Iron Works 700 Washington Street, Bath For employees</p>	<p>12:00-1:30pm Bedard Pharmacy & Medical Supplies 359 Minot Avenue, Auburn</p>
	<p>1:00-2:00pm St. Mary's Regional Medical Center 93 Campus Avenue, Lewiston</p>		
<p>3:00-5:00pm St. Anthony's Church 268 Brown Street Westbrook</p>	<p>3:00-5:00pm Knox Street Community Garden 61 Knox Street, Lewiston</p>	<p>3:00-5:00pm Auburn PAL Center 24 Chestnut Street, Auburn</p>	<p>3:30-5:30pm YMCA/Great Falls Plaza 62 Turner Street Great Falls Plaza, Auburn</p>

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Photos from August

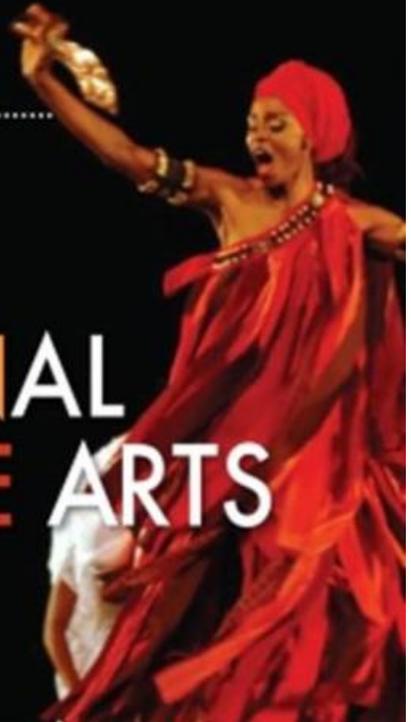
**2016
GREAT
FALLS
BALLOON
FESTIVAL**

SAVE THE DATE: October 6-7, 2016



MAINE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE THE ARTS

Creativity. Industry. Art. Innovation.



MAINE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE ARTS

The Maine Arts Commission's second Maine International Conference on the Arts will be proudly held in Lewiston/Auburn October 6-7.

Maine's only statewide convening of artists, arts organizations, arts educators, public policy makers, and community and economic development specialists who know the power arts and culture brings to Maine's communities.

With featured speakers Sherry Wagner-Henry and Pam Breaux; an Idea Lap featuring five of Maine's most innovative artists; 20 breakout sessions in Leveraging Investment, Visibility for Arts & Culture, Arts Education & Lifelong Learning, Cultural Tourism, and Building Capacity; and more than a dozen pop-up performances showcasing Maine talent this is a once-in-every-two-years experience! Plus: celebrate the convergence of Creativity, Industry, Art and Innovation in historic Lewiston/Auburn, Maine's second largest urban area and home to many of Maine's newest citizens.

Assessing

Bill Healey, Chief Assessor

HOW DO PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS COMPARE TO MARKET VALUE?

The Assessor's Office is often asked about the tax rate and how property assessments compare to market value.

TAX RATE

The tax rate is calculated by dividing the amount needed to be raised to fund the City and School, by the City's total taxable valuation base. Changes to either the budgets or the valuation base, directly impact the tax rate. A significant increase in the City's taxable valuation would result in a lower tax rate.

ASSESSMENT

The City of Lewiston's current assessment ratio is 84%. The assessment ratio is calculated by dividing the tax assessment for a property by its sale price. For example, a home with an assessment of \$84,000 that sells for \$100,000 has an assessment ratio of 84%.

SALES/MARKET VALUE

The Assessor's Office compiles all of the sales information for properties in Lewiston. Sales ratios are calculated for each property, and then all of the sales are analyzed as a group. The City's overall assessment ratio is determined by calculating the average ratio for the group of sales. As stated previously, the City's current assessment ratio is 84%. Further statistical analysis has also shown that most property assessments in Lewiston fall within an acceptable range of the 84% assessment ratio.

TAX RATE

The City's tax rate for the Fiscal 2017 Tax Year is \$27.54 per thousand. Lewiston's taxable valuation base is \$1,893,531,410. Maine Revenue Services Property Tax Division estimates that Lewiston's taxable valuation base would be \$2,203,000,000 if values were at 100% instead of 84%. If property values in Lewiston were at 100% of market value, the tax rate would be approximately 15% lower or about of \$23.40 per thousand.

City Administrator

Ed Barrett, C.A.

UNEMPLOYMENT FALLS; WORKFORCE NEEDS TO GROW

In May 2009, unemployment in the Lewiston Auburn area reached a recession high of 8.7%. By July of this year, that rate had fallen to 3.7%, below both the state (3.9%) and national (4.9%) rates. This is good news. However, looking below the surface of the employment figures reveals a looming challenge for the future economic development of our region.

Over this period, the total number of area residents employed increased slightly from 53,030 to 53,529, as would be expected. But, this growth was only about 1%. What's unexpected is that the size of the area's overall labor force fell from 58,063 to 53,529, a drop of 7.8%. So, while the number employed increased just slightly over the last seven years, the overall labor force dropped significantly. This same trend, although to a lesser extent, can be seen in Portland/South Portland and Bangor. Most of our drop in the unemployment rate, then, was not the result of job growth; rather, it resulted from our labor force shrinking.

This trend was highlighted in a recent article in Governing Magazine looking at data on the prime working age population (25-54) by county. Per the census bureau, the population in this age category fell by 2.4% in Androscoggin County between 2010 and 2014. In Cumberland County, this group increased by 1.1% and in Penobscot, it fell by 7.9%. Nationally, this age group increased by .6%. With the exception of Cumberland County, the number of prime working age residents is shrinking.

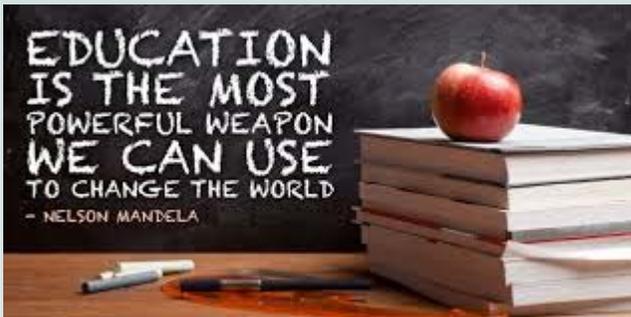
At the same time, we are hearing from local employers that they have unfilled jobs, jobs that would go to residents if they could only find qualified folks to take them.

For some time now, demographers and economists have been warning that Maine is facing a demographic cliff, with the number of older residents increasing and the number of younger falling. We may just now be heading over that cliff. Perhaps we haven't seen job growth, not because the jobs aren't being created, but simply because we don't have enough working age residents to fill them.

This poses a real challenge to our economic development efforts. The number one issue for employers seeking to establish themselves anywhere in the country is the availability of labor. Our low unemployment rate along with our shrinking labor force is a serious red flag to any company looking at LA for a new location.



So, what can we do?



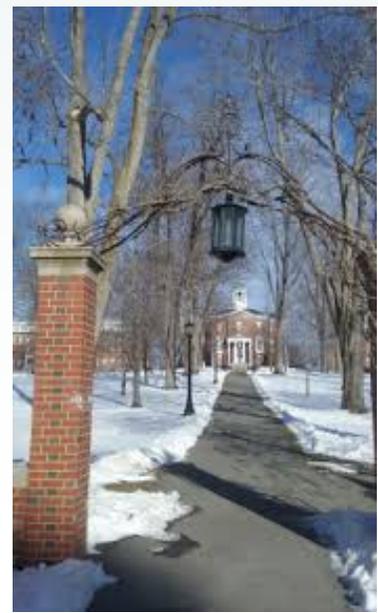
Unlike most of the state, Lewiston's school age population is growing, and growing at a fairly significant clip. As these young students complete their education, they can and should become part of our workforce. But, we must all work to change the prevailing wisdom that, to find a good job, our students need to move away. The new narrative must

be: **"You can find good jobs, right here at home."** We must work with stakeholders and partners to improve job training and skills for those who lack them. This will require a partnership between our educational institutions, local and state governments, and the private sector. With jobs currently going begging, we must develop the skills that those jobs require in our unemployed or underemployed population. Those folks are right here, right now, and we cannot afford to waste them.

For the long term, however, we must work harder to make Lewiston and Maine as a whole a desirable place that attracts new residents from away. While Portland has been successful at this, and at reaping the economic benefits it brings, much of the rest of the state has not. While we can't be Portland, we can be



Lewiston, and we can make Lewiston a place that attracts people, both from in and outside of Maine. Our history, our historic downtown and its architecture, the strong family ties that are so evident, our diversified economy, low housing costs, natural beauty (and the list can go on and on) are deeply attractive. We must build on and cultivate these attributes. And, most of all, we must sell our community, both to ourselves and to those from away.



Economic & Community Development

Lincoln Jeffers, Director

Grand Rounds Opens East Coast Office In Lewiston



This San Francisco based health tech start-up is expanding to the east coast. With offices in San Francisco and Reno Nevada, the fast growing company realized the need to expand their offices to the east coast. After reviewing opportunities within Maine as well as along the eastern seaboard, Grand Rounds selected the Bates Mill Complex for their new branch.

As a health tech company, Grand Rounds works with large employers to augment existing insurance plans to help deliver healthier outcomes faster by matching patients to doctors. Now hiring, Grand Rounds plans to open with 50 people in the Lewiston office which will be located on the top floor of Mill 6. As the company grows, employment is projected to grow by 200 employees over the next five years. For more information about Grand Rounds and employment opportunities visit their website: www.grandrounds.com

Soon to Open: Munka Coworking Space

Plans for the new co-working space, Munka, were originally announced last November at the Lewiston Auburn Economic Growth Council's Create! event by owner Carl Sheline. Since then, 215 Lisbon Street has been abuzz with construction activity, transforming the first floor space into a mix of private and open work stations for people and businesses to rent on a membership basis. Projected to open late 2016, Munka's physical space is nearing completion. Stay tuned for more info on the grand opening and be sure to visit Munka's website for membership information: www.munkacoworking.com



Center Street Dental Expands to Downtown Lewiston



Finding new life for the former Camden National building at the corner of Canal and Chestnut Streets, Center Street Dental has announced their plans to expand to 110 Canal Street.

This summer passersby may have noticed the construction fences and façade work happening at 110 Canal Street. The building is currently being renovated to welcome Center Street Dental's new dental office, Maple Way Dental Care, in early 2017.

Finance

Heather Hunter, Director

Bond Sale Results

I am happy to report the results of our municipal bond sale on September 1st. Seven bids were received at the office of UniBank Fiscal Advisory Services Inc. on the sale of \$15,202,203 of general obligation bonds to finance portions of the FY2014, FY2015, and FY2016 capital improvement programs and the advance refunding of the City's 2009 bond issue. The series, which totaled \$11,857,203 of new bonds, was sold to Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC at a true interest cost (TIC) of 2.04%, or 1.48% less than the estimated budgeted amount.

Similar to last year's refunding sale, the City was able to reduce the issuance amount by \$190,000 due to the bidder's premium received on the refunding. This is a good problem for the City to have as it reduces the overall outstanding principal and interest balance. The present value savings on the refunding is \$307,200 (\$32,200 higher than expected), or 9.2% of the refunded principal. The refunding produced a \$336,000 cash savings or about \$26,000 per year across all funds.

S&P's Bond Rating Results

Each public bond sale requires us to seek a bond or credit rating prior to the sale. These services are currently provided by Standard & Poor's (S&P). Their complete credit report containing the City's Credit Profile is available on our website, www.lewistonmaine.gov, under the Finance Department heading and the Financial Reports subheading. The City of Lewiston's bond rating was reaffirmed at an AA- with a stable outlook. The report, which doesn't vary significantly from prior year's, continues to focus on Lewiston's local economy as the only, but significant, negative element. Other important rating factors that contributed to the assignment are:

- ◇ Very strong liquidity;
- ◇ A strong institutional framework;
- ◇ Strong budgetary performance and very strong budgetary flexibility;
- ◇ Overall debt burden is adequate;
- ◇ Strong management conditions with good financial policies.

Clearly, the assignment of "weak" in the local economy and their quoted reference "*The city has a projected per capita effective buying income of 76.9% (up from last year's 75.2%) of the national level*" plays a major role in the City's assignment.

The report quotes a \$59,431 market value per capita (population of 36,594), but this year S&P acknowledges this statistic may be understated due to our level of tax exempt property. The city provided S&P our tax exempt value totaling \$589.6 million, which, if taxable, would grow the tax base by 28% and adjusted the market value per capita to \$75,530 – an amount still not large enough to take the City out of the "weak" classification.

All parties involved continue to try to reduce the debt burden faced by the City. In spite of our multi-faceted approach of refunding debt, rapid payoff of bonds, and adhering to the prescribed 80% debt limit, we still are faced with what S&P refers to as “adequate debt service” when compared to our expenditures and revenues. However, we are getting closer to an upgrade in this category. S&P acknowledges our rapid debt payoff (80% of the outstanding principal balance is paid off in 10 years) and the substantial savings reaped from the various refundings. Currently, debt service is 9.4% of adjusted governmental fund expenditures, a decrease from 12.1% last year. If this percentage can be reduce to 8% or less, the City will move to a more positive category.

Other Debt Information

In preparation for the S&P rating presentation, a myriad of financial information is prepared. I would like to share some remarkable debt information included in the presentation. The table below illustrates the significant debt reduction in the past five years.

	FY2005-Peak	FY2017-Presale
G.F. Outstanding Principal	71,798,046	45,600,011
G.F. Outstanding Interest	<u>29,702,973</u>	<u>6,275,912</u>
Total	101,501,019	51,875,923
Amount Changed in 12 yrs		(49,625,096)
% Changed		-48.9%

10-year Overall Amortization Rate	70%	81.5%
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Lastly, although all parties have been committed to reducing the debt burden placed upon Lewiston taxpayers, we must acknowledge the positive impact provided by the market. I find it interesting that not all municipalities have taken advantage of low interest rates and refunded their debt. The table below demonstrates the present value savings provided by refunding/advance refunding our debt.

<u>Bond Sale Date</u>	<u>Present Value Savings</u>
September 1, 2010	\$718,396
May 23, 2011	\$724,995
February 23, 2012	\$328,020
February 12, 2013	\$3,725,230
April 28, 2014	\$909,972
Colisee Payoff	\$2,081,032
August 5, 2015	\$516,458
September 1, 2016 (estimated)	<u>\$307,200</u>
	\$9,311,303

Preliminary FY16 General Fund Results

Although we still are processing final FY16 accounts payable and have a few additional yearend adjustments to make, concluding results are positive and are summarized below.

	<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Surplus</u>	<u>FY15 Actual</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
Revenues	\$44,242,017	\$45,644,097	\$1,402,080	\$44,503,308	\$1,140,789
Expenses	\$43,947,213	\$42,229,550	\$1,717,663	\$43,277,062*	(\$1,047,512)
Use of F.B.			\$1,976,725		

* Excludes Colisee principal payoff in the amount of \$3,720,000.

Overall revenue collections outperformed budget estimates by \$1.4 million. The surplus was a product of five key revenue sources:

Excise Tax Collections	\$650,419
State Revenue Sharing	\$296,000
Solid Waste Tipping Fees	\$179,000
Overall Parking Revenue	\$146,000
Interest Income	\$70,000

It was no surprise given the mild winter we experienced that winter operations provided a \$314,000 budgetary expenditure savings. Other contributions to the \$1.7 million expenditure surplus include: benefits, retirement & insurance \$880,000; overtime \$361,000; gasoline \$115,000; debt service \$190,000; utilities \$108,000; and general assistance \$30,000.



Fire

Chief Paul LeClair

Lewiston Fire Bids Farwell To Longevity

Lt. Brian Bernier joined the Lewiston Fire Department on October 31, 1981. He was promoted to Lieutenant on December 1, 1993 and retired on August 31, 2016 having served almost 35 years. His final assignment was at Central Station on Engine 7. He has been a great mentor, and a tremendous firefighter. The L.F.D. will miss his firefighting experience and knowledge of the community, it's buildings, and knowing something about everyone.

We wish you the best in your retirement, Brian.



FIRE EXTINGUISHER

A portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or containing it until the fire department arrives; but portable extinguishers have limitations. Because fire grows and spreads so rapidly, the number one priority for residents is to get out safely.

SAFETY TIPS

- ◆ Use portable fire extinguisher when the fire is confined to a small area, such as a wastebasket, and is not growing; everyone has exited the building; the fire department has been called or is being called; and the room is not filled with smoke.
- ◆ To operate a fire extinguisher, remember the word **PASS**:
 - **P**ull the pin. Hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you, and release the mechanism.
 - **A**im low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.
 - **S**queeze the lever slowly and evenly.
 - **S**weep the nozzle from side-to-side.
- ◆ For the home, select a multi-purpose extinguisher (can be used on all types of home fires) that is large enough to put out a small fire, but not so heavy as to be difficult to handle.
- ◆ Choose a fire extinguisher that carries the label of an independent testing laboratory.
- ◆ Read the instructions that come with the fire extinguisher and become familiar with its parts and operation before a fire breaks out. Local fire departments or fire equipment distributors often offer hands-on fire extinguisher trainings.
- ◆ Install fire extinguishers close to an exit and keep your back to a clear exit when you use the device so you can make an easy escape if the fire cannot be controlled. If the room fills with smoke, leave immediately.
- ◆ Know when to go. Fire extinguishers are one element of a fire response plan, but the primary element is safe escape. Every household should have a home fire escape plan and working smoke alarms.



School Superintendent Bill Webster

Lewiston Public Schools

School is Now in Session!

Grades K-9 started on Wednesday, August 31st, grades 10-12 and LRTC started Thursday, September 1st, and PreK on Tuesday, September 6th. We hope to have fairly accurate enrollment numbers to present to the School Committee, although there are sometimes so many late registrations that there are delays getting them entered into PowerSchool. There also can be delays in finding out about students who have moved outside of Lewiston.



Preliminary indications show that enrollment is now topping 5,600 students - an increase of roughly 100 students over last year, representing a more manageable and anticipated pace of growth. All schools have reported smooth openings, and there is no indication right now of the need to add any unbudgeted positions.

Update on the Proposed New Elementary School

We were very pleased to receive approval from the National Park Service (NPS) to use an expedited process which should allow us to proceed (subject to approval of the Department of Education) with construction plans although the land to be substituted for the new school site has not yet been finalized.

I worked with Jeff Larimer of Harriman to assess what this might potentially allow us to do, if acceptable to the DOE. We determined that there are two possible options: (1) bring the entire project to the State Board of Education in April, which, if approved, would allow us to meet the planned September 2019 start date and make the artificial turf fields available in June 2018; or (2) two split the construction process whereby we would go to the State Board of Education in January for the site work only. The school building would still be considered in April. If approved, this would move up completion of the artificial turf fields to October 2017 and the grass field by August 2018.

On a related note, I have worked with City Administrator Ed Barrett and met with our appraiser, Fred Bucklin of Bucklin Appraisal. Fred is experienced with the process required by the NPS and is already underway on seven different appraisals for us. We expect to have preliminary results around the end of September and final results no later than the end of October. The preliminary results will help us determine whether or not the conversion answer lies within these seven parcels or if we need to consider additional land options.

Update on Other Construction Projects

The more prominent construction projects associated with the new school year are the new Farwell classroom addition, the Armory renovation for Star Academy, sidewalk from the outer parking lot at Geiger and the new roof for Montello. Montello is also waiting for their new playground equipment.

No Classes for Students at Montello and Longley on Election Day

In reviewing our past experiences with elections, and knowing the potential for a record breaking number of voters this November, I have decided to excuse Longley and Montello students that day. This decision is based upon the level of school disruption and safety compromise that would otherwise be expected. Teachers and educational technicians will use the day for needed professional development. Students will not have to do a make-up day because the majority of the district will still be in session that day. Please note, the Green Ladle, which is also a polling place, will remain open for high school students.

Federal and State Standardized Testing

On August 22nd, the School Committee voted 7-2 to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lewiston School Committee urges federal and state policy makers to 1) eliminate federal and state mandated standardized testing for children from preschool to 2nd grade and greatly reduce it for 3rd grade and above, 2) end the use of Federal and State mandated standardized testing data to evaluate students and educator, 3) disclose fully the cost, schedule, nature, and purpose of all federal and state mandated standardized tests, and 4) assess students, teachers, and schools using multiple methods to capture a full picture of the learning process and outcomes (e.g. portfolios, performances, observation).

A letter has gone out to parents allowing them to opt-out their students from this testing. At the same time, federal and state policy makers continue to talk about penalizing school districts who do not test at least 95% of their eligible students. Many think that it is just talk, but superintendents have been forwarded a letter from the US Department of Education that mentions possible actions including:

- ◆ Lowering an LEA's or school's rating in the State's accountability system or amending the system to flag an LEA or school with a low participation rate.
- ◆ Counting non-participants as non-proficient in accountability determinations.
- ◆ Identifying a school that misses participation rate targets over multiple years as a priority or focus school.
- ◆ Requiring an LEA or school to develop an improvement plan, or take corrective actions to ensure that all students participate in the statewide assessments in the future, and providing the SEA's plan to review and monitor such plans.

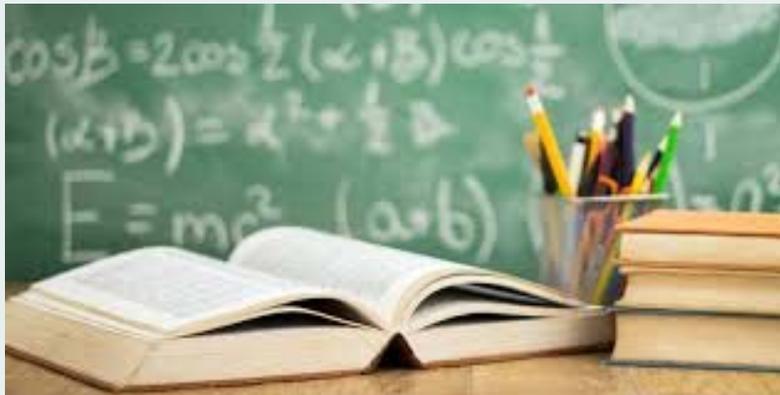
- ◆ Requiring an LEA or school to implement additional interventions aligned with the reason for inadequate student participation, even if the State’s accountability system does not officially designate schools for such interventions.
- ◆ Designating an LEA or school as “high risk,” or a comparable status under the State’s laws and regulations, with clear explanations for the implications of such a designation.
- ◆ Withholding or directing use of State aid and/or funding flexibility.

Language Classes at LHS

These numbers will change during the add/drop period at Lewiston High School, but initial registration totals 50 students for Arabic and 20 students for Chinese.

Lewiston Education Fund

The Lewiston Education Fund (LEF) has announced its 2016-17 grant cycle. In addition, they now have an early decision option for fall projects. Teachers will find additional information at www.lewistoneducationfund.org. One can also sign up for the Harvest Dinner fundraiser, which will take place on Tuesday, October 11th.



Tweets and Facebook Entries

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

8/3/16	This year we continued our Summer Youth Employment Program that combines time in the classroom with paid work experiences.
8/4/16	Over 500 enjoyed the end of camp barbecue for Montello's Camp Achieve. The gym was filled with super STEM projects.
8/15/16	Uplifting August LHS graduation at the Green Ladle tonight. Congratulations, graduates, for perseverance and hard work.

Library Expands Building Monitors

During the month of August, the Library hired a third part-time building monitor, Donna Simpson, a former nurse and educational technician in the Lewiston School Department. We are now using building monitors every day in the library from 12 noon until closing. The monitors work with the library staff to help monitor behavior issues in the library and to assist in creating an atmosphere that works for all of our residents.



Violence and Belonging: the 14th Amendment and American Literature

Once again this fall, LPL is working with the Maine Humanities Council to offer a monthly reading and discussion series for library patrons. This year's theme is "Violence and Belonging" and explores a variety of themes surrounding inclusion, exclusion, and race in American society. The scholar/facilitator leading the program is Bates College English Professor, Eden Osucha.

Androscoggin Leadership Development Institute



Adult/Teen Services Technician Ruby Jones will be participating in the Chamber's Androscoggin Leadership Development Institute this fall. This experience offers invaluable training in leadership skills and allows for our staff to develop extensive community network contacts. The Institute's cost is underwritten by the Library Endowment Fund.



Planning & Code Enforcement

Gil Arsenault, Director

Planning Board and Related Activities

Community Credit Union purchased the properties at 895-917 Sabattus for the construction of a corporate office and retail bank building. This development will require a designated left-turn lane on Sabattus Street; however, this is not feasible within the existing road right-of-way. A possible solution for this project and others in this area is to create a center turn lane from Old Greene Road to Grove Street with single in-and out-bound travel lanes. On August 15, 2016 city staff presented the proposed changes at a neighborhood meeting at Public Works. Representatives from Planning and Code Enforcement, Public Works, Androscoggin Transportation Resource Center (ATRC), and Community Credit Union were in attendance and discussed the benefits (i.e. fewer crashes, reduced speeds, safer left-turning movements, wider shoulders, potential economic development), and obtained input and answered questions from the public. Any proposed lane reassignment to Sabattus Street will require the approval of the Lewiston City Council at a future meeting to be announced.

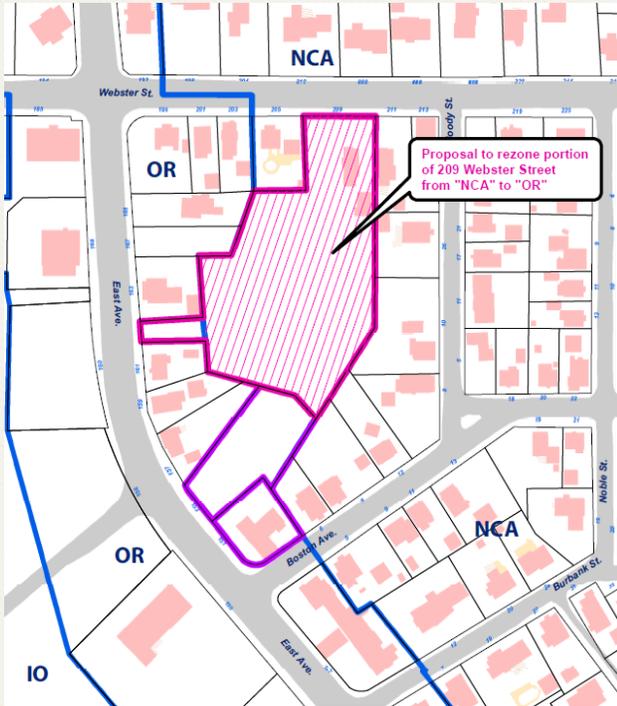
The following occurred at the Planning Board meeting of August 22, 2016:

- The Board granted approval to Sebago Technics on behalf of VIP, Inc. to create a 59 space parking lot at their facility located at 12 Lexington Street.
- The Board found that the application for a use determination to establish a year-round educational campground at 49 Old Farm Road that is to primarily host children and homeschooled families to learn about the outdoors and nature related activities is substantially similar to and compatible with permitted or conditional uses in the Rural

Agricultural (RA) district and that said use shall be regulated as a conditional use. The owners of 49 Farm Road plan to file a request for a conditional use permit to establish this proposed use.

- The Board granted approval to conditionally rezone the property at 117 Webster Street from the Neighborhood Conservation "A" district to the Downtown Residential district to allow accessory uses to support the existing commercial/multifamily dwelling at 111 Webster Street.
- The Board sent a favorable recommendation to the City Council for a proposed amendment to the City Code of Ordinances to permit the keeping of up to six female chickens limited to the Rural-Agricultural (RA), Low Density Residential (LDR), Suburban Residential (SR), Medium Density Residential (MDR), and the Neighborhood Conservation "A" (NCA) districts, on lots of no less than 30,000 square feet developed with single-family detached dwellings, including mobile homes, on individual lots.
- The Board sent a favorable recommendation to the City Council to adopt a proposed amendment to Article XI, Section 23, Space and Bulk Requirements, Net Lot Area Requirements of the Neighborhood Conservation "B" (NCB) district. If approved by the Council, said amendment changes the methodology required to calculate lot area requirements for dwelling units located in the NCB district.
- A neighborhood meeting was held on Monday, August 29, 2016 at 5:30 PM in the City Council Chambers to discuss a proposal by Louis Ouellette to rezone the property at 209 Webster Street from Neighborhood Conservation "A" (NCA) to Office Residential (OR) to permit the

Development of a multi-family senior housing project. Additional meetings will be held by the Planning Board and City Council when a formal application is submitted, upon which notice will be provided.



Staff Review Committee

On August 18th, the committee granted approval to the Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Services to transition a former St. Mary's Hospice House located at 56 Lafayette Street into a Children's Advocacy Center that conducts forensic interviewing/response for children who report allegations of child abuse in our communities.

Enforcement Action

On August 9th the Lewiston City Council voted to order the demolition of the dangerous building located at 148 Bartlett Street. That same evening, the Council voted to continue the dangerous building hearing on 24 Lemont Avenue to September 6th.

PERMIT ACTIVITY - AUGUST 2016

- ◆ 70 building permits with a reported value of \$2,055,123 – two new single-family homes
- ◆ 13 plumbing permits
- ◆ 48 electrical permits

The largest dollar value permit was for renovations at 113 Lisbon Street in the amount of \$1,017,430 (i.e. the new location for Rinck Advertising).

PERMIT ACTIVITY - AUGUST 2015

- ◆ 65 building permits with a reported value of \$1,529,846 – one new single-family home
- ◆ 9 plumbing permits
- ◆ 41 electrical permits

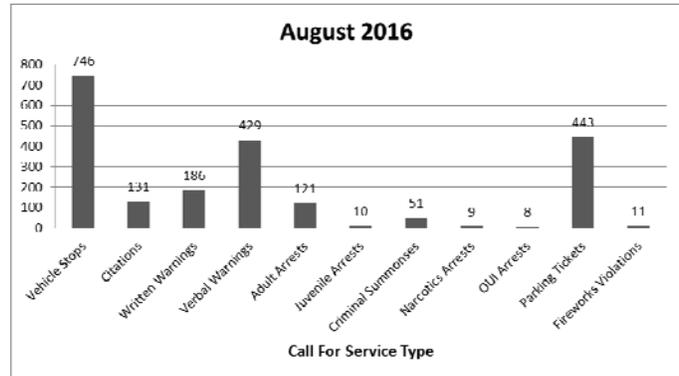


Police

Mike Bussiere, Chief

Calls For Service	Aug. 2016
Total CFS	4,176
Vehicle Stops	746
Citations	131
Written Warnings	186
Verbal Warnings	429
Adult Arrests	121
Juvenile Arrests	10
Criminal Summonses	51
Narcotics Arrests	9
OUI Arrests	8
Parking Tickets	443
Fireworks Violations	11

Statistics



Training

As part of officers' training, policies and procedures are consistently reviewed. In the month of August, the following SOPs were studied:

- Active Shooting & Threats
 - Response to Resistance
 - Missing Persons Investigations
 - Bomb Threats & Emergency Response
 - Use of Taser
- ◇ Simunitions/active shooter training was attended by Lewiston officers; the training was hosted at Lewiston High School.
 - ◇ The Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) attended a 16-hour training with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Maine State Police.
 - ◇ Officer Philippon, Administration Assistant Sandra Brown, and Crime Analyst Amy Blaisdell-Pechmanová attended Subgrantee Training, hosted at the Department of Public Safety.



Enforcement

- ◆ Residents' concerns regarding motor vehicles traveling at excessive rates of speed were addressed; the radar trailer was placed in various locations throughout the city.
- ◆ Officers conducted various community contacts throughout August.
- ◆ Sex offender notifications of offenders moving within the city, were provided to Lewiston's residents.

Community Events

Meetings attended:

- ◆ Project Unite
- ◆ Masjidul Salaam Mosque
- ◆ Androscoggin Community Collaborative
- ◆ COAT
- ◆ Androscoggin Head Start board meeting
- ◆ Common Ties board meeting
- ◆ Community Partnerships for Protecting Children (CPPC)
- ◆ Healthy Neighborhoods Planning Council
- ◆ Joint Charter Commission
- ◆ Hot Spot Neighborhood meeting, hosted at Longley Elementary School
- ◆ World Refugee Day Planning

Officer Weaver brought a group of Hillview children to the Maine State Aquarium located in West Boothbay Harbor.

Officers attended a bi-weekly luncheon hosted and served at Meadowview Apartments.

Officers of the Community Resource Team hosted *Coffee With A Cop* at Blake Street Towers.

Presentations given by Lewiston Police:

- ◆ Police Orientation, hosted by Catholic Charities of Maine
- ◆ The Juvenile Justice System, hosted at Maine Immigrant and Refugee Services
- ◆ Perception and Reality of Lewiston, hosted at Center Street Dental and Lewiston High School
- ◆ Racial Bias and the Media, an interactive forum hosted at Hillview

The Community Resource Team officers organized and hosted Outdoor Movie Nights.

Sunnyside Park - movie, *Night at the Museum*
Simard-Payne Park - movie, *Ice Age*

On the first day of school, officers assisted school-aged children with crossing the street.

LPD officers attended the Balloon Festival and the National Night Out.



Officer Philippon participated in the dunk tank fundraising event. The dunk tank's proceeds benefited the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Community Events



Sworn personnel and civilian staff attended the annual Lewiston Police Relief Association barbeque which was hosted at Lewiston Police Department.



Officers Fecteau, Meserve, and C. Johnson participated in the annual *Fueling Dreams* event, which was hosted at various Circle K and Irving Mainway locations throughout the state. The Fueling Dreams event is a fundraiser for Special Olympics.

Public Works

Dave Jones, Director

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

What a great summer we've had! While the lack of rain is affecting lawns and gardens, it has been good for vacations and construction! (We certainly had a lot of both going on.) Recently, the Maine Turnpike folks indicated they are planning to open the SPUI (Single Point Urban Interchange) at Exit 80 in mid-October. *(Pictured below)* Keep an eye out as there will be a lot more info coming soon as this will change how traffic flows through that interchange. Here is a summary of some of the work from August:



Street/Road & Sidewalk Improvement Projects

The Highway Division crews completed the following:

- ◆ Responded to 237 dig-safe requests for Stormwater infrastructure;
- ◆ Sidewalk Repairs were completed on Abbott St (~130 LF) and Union St (~220 LF) and deteriorated pavers were replaced on Mill St near Davinci's;
- ◆ Old Chadbourne Rd was graded and a ditch was repaired on Pond Road;
- ◆ Storm drain catch basins and manholes were repaired at five locations;
- ◆ Tree work, including pruning, trimming, and planting, was completed 22 locations with 11 new trees planted;
- ◆ The traffic crew replaced numerous outdated signs and painted arrows and bike lane symbols at numerous locations around the City;
- ◆ The Parks, Cemeteries and Athletic Field crew continued preparing all fields for the adult league games, closed the Kennedy Park Pool for the season, removed graffiti on the retaining wall along Adams Ave and the Greenway Trail, and installed a rebuilt pump in the Raymond Park fountain;

- ◆ The roadside mowing program continued with more than 30 roads and trails treated;
- ◆ For the Great Falls Balloon Festival, the Highway crew set up vendors' tents, erected snow fences for crowd control, mowed and prepped the Simard Payne Park, picked up litter, and patched potholes throughout the area between Lisbon St and Oxford St, patched potholes for the bike race circuit, set up road closures, distributed emergency shelter signs, delivered 10 trash receptacles and a 30 CY roll-off container, and disposed of the trash and swept Lincoln St, Main St, Longley Bridge, and Oxford St.;
- ◆ For LPD's Movie Nights, mowed the park, delivered extra trash receptacles, and picked up litter (before and after the event);
- ◆ Miscellaneous work included bulky waste removal for Code Enforcement at two locations, fertilizing the LHS playing fields, repairing the Franklin press box, and weed wacking around monitoring wells at the Solid Waste Facility;

Contracted projects status update:

- ◆ **The Sabattus St Signalization Project** is approximately 75% complete with the project scheduled to be done in November;
- ◆ **The removal of the Lincoln St Alley Bridge** was awarded to Mid Maine Construction for \$4,775, but work was delayed to coordinate with Brookfield (current owners of the canals);
- ◆ **MTA Bridge and Mainline Improvements to the Lewiston Interchange project** continue as CPM Constructors continued with abutments being placed for the new bridge for the south-bound lanes;
- ◆ **Bartlett Street** – MaineDOT tells us they are working to finalize the right-of-way work by mid-December, and we expect to advertise the project for a spring 2017 award;
- ◆ **Lisbon St Rehab (Chestnut to Main St)** – The Lisbon St Reconstruction and Downtown Signalization is well underway with all of the CSO and street light work complete and ~80% of the sidewalks done. The contractor

also recently began replacing the failing ramps in Dufresne Plaza with 50% of that work completed;

- ◆ **The City's Street Resurfacing Program** continued with cold-planing of more than 4,300 square yards and paving on Orange St, College St, the Landfill access road, and part of the PW yard. Nearly 1,900 tons of pavement were placed. Another ~250 tons were placed for sewer rehab trenches on Rideout Ave and Brigham Street.



Highway crew installing new curb on Fairmount St.

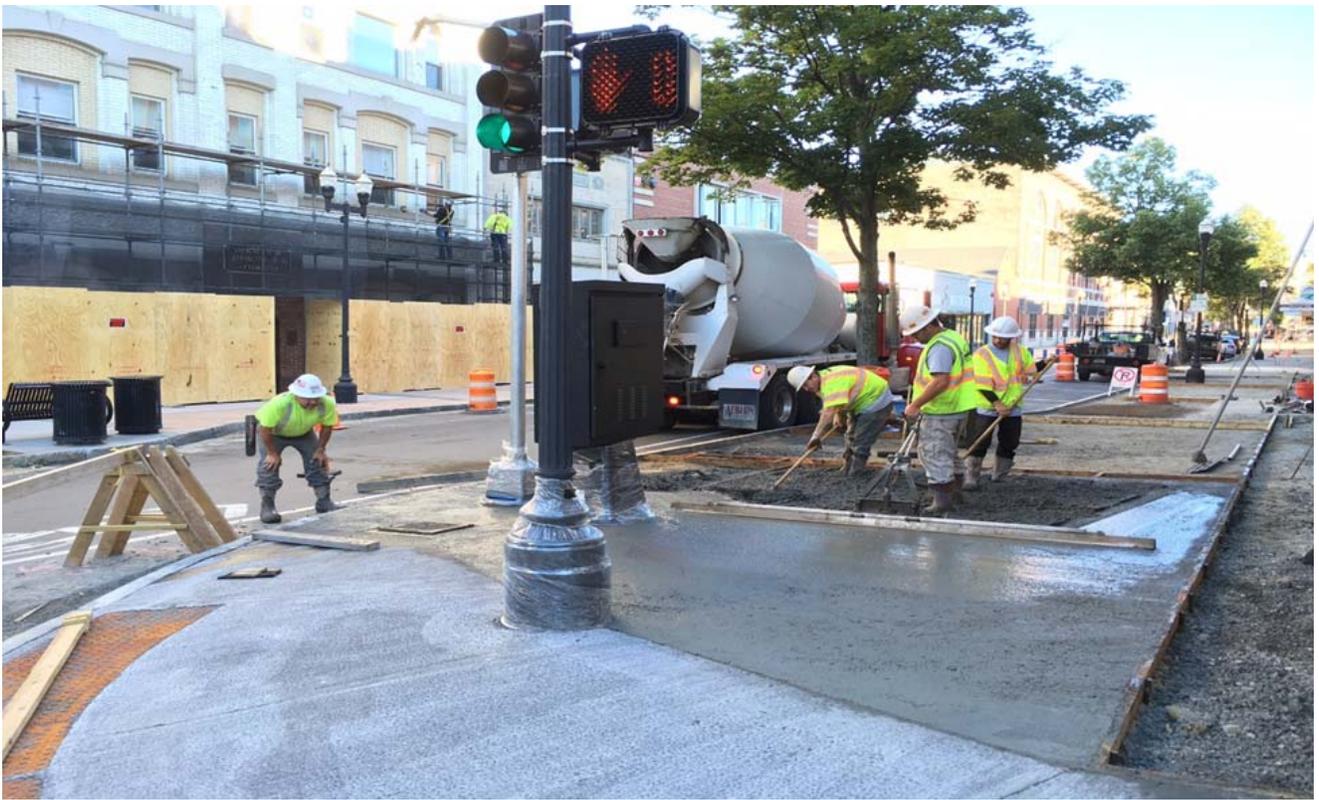


Water, Sewer, Stormwater Division

Construction projects and studies.
The following are being worked:

- On August 13, the City sponsored a booth at the Androscoggin River Clean Up event to promote awareness of stormwater pollution. Thanks to Lynne Richard at LAWPC for donating the educational stormwater model and Dave Brooks from CES, Inc. for manning the booth.

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Lisbon Street Project Improvements





- **Vale Street Neighborhood CSO project** – design is underway for planned CSO work scheduled to be bid this fall/winter with work anticipated in the spring/summer 2017;
- **Lincoln St Alley CSO Separation** – This project will be going out for bids shortly with construction scheduled for October to November;
- **North Lisbon Road Storm Drain** – Again, we are still waiting on the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) to provide us their permit. We expect this project will need to be delayed until next summer due to the completely frustrating ACOE permitting process;
- **Hart Brook Water Quality Restoration** – Little change from last month. We plan to issue a Request for Proposal for the design of the system in the next month or two;
- **Randall Rd Culvert Wing Wall Replacement** – The bid opening for this project is September 8th with construction completion in November;
- **North Temple Storm Drain Phase II** – Construction is complete;
- **Westminster St Culvert Replacement** – The Engineering Division began design for replacing the Hart Brook Culvert under Westminster St. The existing 4 barrel pipe culvert is heavily corroded and will be replaced with a single concrete box culvert. Due to permitting requirements, construction is expected to be delayed to summer 2017;
- **MS4 Stormwater Permit** – Engineering staff is working on the annual MS4 stormwater permit report, which is due to MaineDEP by Sept 15th. The report summarizes compliance tasks completed by the City between July 2015 and June 2016;
- **Sanitary Sewer Condition Assessment and Asset Management Program** – Two separate contracts were awarded to Ted Berry Company. The first will clean and CCTV inspect approximately 260,000 liner feet (LF) of sanitary sewers. This will continue the efforts started in 2008 and will leave only PVC sewer mains and cement

lined sewer pipes to be inspected. The 2nd project will use the inspection data to build a risk assessment model to help the City prioritize sewer rehabilitation projects;

- **Cure-in-place Sewer Lining:** A \$77,265 project to install cure-in-place point repairs at 40 locations was awarded to Heitkamp Inc. of Connecticut and is nearly completed. A much larger project to line nearly 20,000 feet of sewer mains was bid and awarded to Green Mountain Pipeline Services of **Vermont in the amount of \$750,750.**
- **Tall Pines Pump Station:** Design work began for the next pump station replacement on Tall Pines Drive, to be installed this winter;
- **Hart Brook Sewer Repair:** The City finally received the Army Corps of Engineers permit and the project is advertised with a bid opening of September 8th. The permit requires all in-stream work to be completed before Sept 30th or be delayed until after July 15, 2017. The bidders were asked to include when they will begin the work;
- **Sunnyside Area Sewer Separation Phase 3:** Work on a new separate storm drain system on Spring St, Summer St, Bridge St, Winter St, Holland St, West Bates St and Whipple St is under construction by Gendron and Gendron. Construction will continue until October.
- **Sabattus St Water Main Phase 3:** Construction began on the project to install 4,200 feet of 12-inch water main on Sabattus St from Grove St to Golder Rd and is expected to be complete in November.

Work performed by the Water & Sewer crews included:

- Crews responded to two water main leaks, one service leak, and zero sewer backups,
- We responded to 224 Dig Safe requests,
- Crews responded to 21 E-GOV'S (customer concerns)
- We continue to flush and inspect sewer mains and to clean and operate main line

water valves;

- During this summer, crews replaced 5,000 feet of sewer main on a number of streets;
- The crew continues to work with J Pratt Construction on the Lisbon St project, Gendron & Gendron on the Sunnyside Area CSO project, St Laurent & Son on the CMP substation project on Middle St, and Pratt Construction on the Sabattus St water line replacement project;
- Hydrant flushing is in full swing to insure quality water at the tap;
- Summer mowing for all the utility and watershed properties continues to be a challenge.

Solid Waste Division

- ⇒ The Annual Operations Report for 2015 was submitted to Maine DEP. This report included proposed revisions to the Solid Waste Facility's Operations Manual & Environmental Monitoring Program.
- ⇒ Maine DEP staff performed their annual site inspection of the Facility's landfills – secure (active) & attenuation (closed). Items of concern raised during the inspection included:

- * A gas vent at the attenuation landfill, which was knocked down during snow removal operations.
- * Sediment in the roadways and soil erosion next to a road which was recently re-paved. (This is a concern due to potential impacts to storm water discharge from the site.)
- * A wet area, adjacent to the attenuation landfill and a stormwater discharge swale. DEP raised the concern this may be a leachate breakout from the closed landfill.

Otherwise, the landfills are in substantial compliance with Maine’s solid waste regulations. The issues of concern will be addressed once a report of their inspection has been received from Maine DEP.

- ⇒ Engineering, through a contractor, completed the majority of the re-paving project on the access road from the Facility entry gate to the secure landfill.
- ⇒ The recycling rate for Lewiston was 16% for August 2016. All zero-sort material – residential & commercial – for Lewiston, which is disposed at the Casella Recycling facility, has been included. This has resulted in a higher recycling rate than has been reported historically.
- ⇒ Solid Waste Worker, Bob Belanger, has received his Class A driver’s permit and is proceeding with training so that he can successfully complete the test for his Class A driver’s license later this year.

RECREATION DIVISION

- ◇ **Golf, Tennis & Track** finished their summer programs.
- ◇ **Soccer and Field Hockey** registrations have been pouring in for programs beginning in September.
- ◇ **New Programs!!** have been added to the Recreation offerings.
**Youth Wrestling and
Lewiston Sparks Competition Cheering**

Recreation staff is committed to expanding our programs.

- ◇ **Aquatics at Kennedy Pool**
Kennedy Pool’s aquatics program had nearly 1500 people register to use the pool and splash pad this summer! KP Staff (right) and participants snapped a photo of the program’s last day, August 19th.

◇ Camp Smiles

The camp season is over. August kept the campers busy with outdoor water fun to beat the heat and lots of field trips. “Last week” activities included tie-dying tee shirts, a trip to Splashtown, and the annual camp talent show. The photo below is campers enjoying lunch at Splashtown.



Aquatics at Kennedy Pool



Lewiston Recreation Fall Offerings

INTRODUCTION TO FIELD HOCKEY

This is a six week "Introduction to Field Hockey" Program. It is a clinic run by Seacoast United Field Hockey Coaches where the fundamentals of Field Hockey are introduced and practiced.

AGE: 6-14 (Must be 6 years old by 9/1/16)

COST: \$70, \$50 Lewiston Resident Discount

WHEN: Tuesdays - September 13th - October 18th

TIME: 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

WHERE: Marcotte Park (Caron Street) near the Androscoggin Bank Colisée

Equipment needed: Cleats, mouth guard and approved eye gear. Sticks, shin guards & balls will be supplied by the Recreation Division.

LITTLE ARTISTS

Children will participate in weekly Little Artists program. Supplies will be included in cost. Bring Apron/oversize t-shirt each week. Different projects weekly.

AGE: 3-7

COST: \$45, \$25 Lewiston Resident Discount

WHEN: Saturdays

Session 1: September 17th - October 8th

Session 2: January 7th - January 28th

TIMES:

Beginner: 9:00am - 10:00am (3 to 5 year olds)

Intermediate: 10:30am - 11:30am (5-7 year olds)

WHERE: Lewiston Recreation Division (Armory)
65 Central Ave., Lewiston



LEWISTON SOCIAL TENNIS LEAGUE

The league will only have doubles COED play. There will be 3 sets first to six games format. The team captain(s) will be in charge of determining the line up each week. Teams are co-ed and must have at least 3 players, with the minimum of one female on the roster.

AGE: 21+

COST: \$70, \$50 Lewiston/Auburn Resident Discount

WHEN: Tuesdays - September 13th - October 18th

TIME: 6:00-8:00pm

WHERE: Franklin Pasture Tennis Courts
156 East Ave., Lewiston

ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Men's Volleyball - Mondays @ Lewiston Armory
65 Central Ave., Lewiston

Women's Volleyball - Mondays @ Lewiston Armory
65 Central Ave., Lewiston

Coed B1 & B2 - Wednesdays @ Longley School
145 Birch St., Lewiston

Coed A - Thursday @ Longley School
145 Birch St., Lewiston

Anyone interested in entering a team, or would like to participate as a player in one of the leagues please contact the City of Lewiston Recreation Division at 513-3005. Organizational meeting date September 15 6:00 pm @ Lewiston Memorial Armory.

SOCCER INSTRUCTIONAL

AGE: 4-9

(Must be 4 years old by 9/10/16)

COST: \$70, \$50 Lewiston Resident Discount (Includes T-shirt)

WHEN: Saturdays - September 10th to October 15th

Mini-KICKERS (Ages 4 to 5): 8:15 am - 9:15 am

Description: Mini-Kickers is for the beginner soccer player who is learning the basic fundamentals of dribbling, passing, and teamwork!

LITTLE KICKERS (Ages 6 to 7): 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Description: Little Kickers is for the player who has some soccer experience and is looking to learn more about passing, dribbling, and actual game play!

BIG KICKERS (Ages 7 to 9): 10:45 am - 11:45 am

Description: Big Kickers is for the experienced soccer player that is looking to improve on their soccer abilities!

WHERE: Marcotte Park (Caron Street) near the Androscoggin Bank Colisée

Equipment needed: Cleated shoes are optional. Shin guards are required.



YOUTH WRESTLING

Lewiston Recreation is proud to offer Youth Wrestling. Join Coach Joe Schreiber as he teaches you the basics of wrestling and encourages you to grow your abilities on the wrestling mat! *USA Wrestling Membership needed*

Intro to Wrestling

WHEN: Mondays - September 12th - October 3rd

TIME: Juniors (Age 4 to 8) 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Seniors (Age 9 to 14) 5:30pm - 6:30pm

COST: \$55, \$35 Lewiston/Auburn Resident Discount

WHERE: Lewiston Armory Gym - 65 Central Ave.
Head Gear available!



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