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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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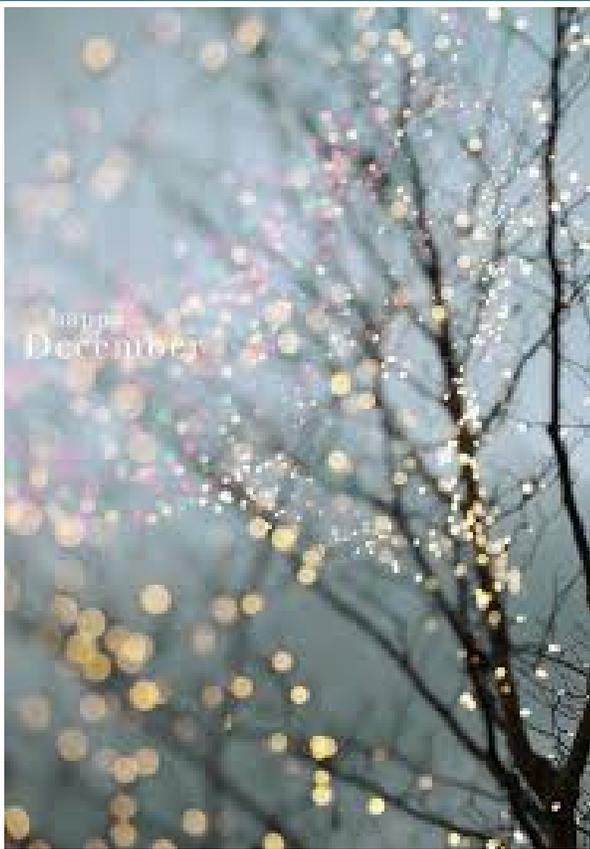
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DECEMBER

December



# Items of Interest-LYAC

*We have learned so much about Lewiston as we've planned for this event,*" noted Lewiston Youth Advisory Council (LYAC) Chair Jazy Dumas at the December 3rd "**Lewiston Remembers Its Musical Eras**" event at the Lewiston Memorial Armory. The event successfully met the group's three goals: unite generations, add to Lewiston's arts/cultural scene, and creatively take a trip down memory lane as to life in Lewiston and its music from 1920-present day. The evening kicked off with a PAL HOP video reminiscent of Friday night dances held in the 1960s on the third floor of Lewiston City Hall, followed by a slideshow with past/present facts about Lewiston. From displays, memorabilia, and time period posters to dance demonstrations, era food, and special guest Lewiston musical icon Carroll Poulin, the Lewiston Memorial Armory came alive as attendees enthusiastically reflected on Lewiston memories and interacted with members of the youth council. Special dance demonstrations of time period dances were presented by Stan Teixeira and the Swing Dancers as well as Sandy Arthur's School of Dance. Attendees also took to the floor for instructions on nostalgic dance moves, young and not-so-young dancing together! A musical finale was presented by the local youth band Weatherhead. Era food on tap consisted of root beer floats, popular in the 1950s; chocolate chip cookies that were invented in 1937; and whoopee pies that were invented in the 1920s. Attendees also participated in placing red or blue stars on a Lewiston timeline that indicated the year they were born in Lewiston and/or their favorite era in Lewiston.



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# Items of Interest-Fun Facts



Who knew that the Lewiston Public Library's very own Danielle Fortin, Adult and Teen Services Librarian, participated in her first ever derby with the Maine Roller Derby's R.I.P. Tides (*the home team in Portland*). Danielle tried out for the team in June, made the cut, and passed the minimum skills assessment to safely participate in the derby. Her first bout on Dec. 28 featured the R.I.P. Tides vs. Calamity Janes and was held at Happy Wheels Skate Center. Danielle's position for the bout was blocker and fresh muscle team captain. Another fun fact: Danielle's derby name is: "Little Miss Muffinator" (Muffin for short) and her number is "61" which is the Dewey Decimal number for "baked goods."

*You go girl!*



Maine Roller Derby (MRD) became a 501 (C)3 Non Profit Organization in February 2015. MRD is Maine's first women's flat track roller derby league and a proud member league of the Women's Flat Track Derby Association (WFTDA), one of the hundreds of leagues across the nation that have embraced the quickly growing sport of roller derby as it is skated on the flat track. MRD seeks to foster professional, personal and athletic advancement for all the league's members through training for, promoting, and playing the sport of roller derby. The league regularly recruits new skaters and volunteers and hosts a home season February-June, and September-December, along with several fundraising events throughout the year.

What's with the out-there uniforms? Roller derby has uniforms just like any sport, but we like to have fun with ours and create themes and images that reflect a sense of style, humor, and the tough, aggressive tone of the sport. Almost every skater in roller derby adopts a skate name. Some names are funny, some are tough, and a lot are plays on real names of teams.

# City Administrator

Ed Barrett

## Canal Acquisition

The City has worked for years toward gaining ownership of the Lewiston Canal System with the goal of improving and beautifying the system as an impetus to economic development in Riverfront Island. Last year, an agreement was reached where Brookfield White Pine Hydro, LLC will donate the system to the City. Since then, Brookfield has been developing the required application to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to remove the canals from its federal license. This must happen before the donation can be made to the City. The draft application has been circulated to state, local, and federal stakeholders for comment prior to formal submission to FERC. At the same time, the City has been preparing a separate FERC application to abandon power generation at the City's Upper A hydro facility at the downstream end of the upper canal. Power production ceased at this location in 2011, and refurbishing or replacing the three separate failed generators is not cost effective given today's electricity market. That application is also out for stakeholder review and comment. The City's goal remains to gain control of the canal system and to utilize it for recreational and aesthetic purposes and to support future development.



## Winter Sidewalks

Winter snows regularly bring out sidewalk complaints. We're frequently asked why sidewalks haven't been plowed before the snow even stops. Generally, we do not begin sidewalk plowing until late into storm events. We time this in an effort, when possible, to open key walking routes, particularly near schools, in a timely manner. But we don't start plowing sidewalks at the same time we plow streets. If we did, more often than not we would have to return to re-plow them due to additional snowfall or to remove blockages resulting from intersection and driveway plowing. Even after storms and sidewalk plowing, we find that residents and businesses frequently block sidewalks with snow from their driveways and parking lots. So, you can help. If there is a maintained sidewalk near your property, please do not block it after it has been plowed by the City. This will help us keep pedestrians safe and out of our streets.

## Pedestrian Safety

The City has initiated several efforts to address pedestrian safety throughout the city. The Maine Department of Transportation will be working with City staff to review specific areas of concern in an effort to develop improvements to address safety. The Androscoggin Transportation Resource Center, our region's metropolitan planning organization, is also looking at funding a study to review pedestrian issues throughout its four community service area. Some funding has also been requested in the City's five-year Capital Improvement Program to allow for specific improvements.



## Retirements

The City has been blessed with a large number of long-serving employees, including many in senior management. Several years ago, our long-time assessor, Joe Grube, retired and, more recently, Police Chief Mike Bussiere joined him. Deputy Administrator Phil Nadeau, Fire Chief Paul LeClair, Library Director Rick Speer, and Purchasing Director Norm Beauparlant will all be retiring in the next few months. While the City will be losing a portion of its long-term memory and some great employees, all of our recent and near-future retirees have left a firm foundation for the future. Brian O'Malley, another long-term employee, has been appointed as the permanent Police Chief. William Healey, a Lewiston resident and long-time Assessor in Maine, has settled in as our Chief Assessor. Other new faces will follow. With new faces will come new ideas and new approaches; but past accomplishments will not be forgotten; they will become the foundations for tomorrow.

# Economic & Community Development

Lincoln Jeffers, Director

## *Munka Celebrates Grand Opening*

Munka celebrated the grand opening of their co-working office space at 213 Lisbon Street in December. Community members gathered to learn more about the year-long process of transforming the formerly vacant space into a modern work environment and celebrate its opening. Co-working offices provide unique work space to individuals and businesses on a membership basis dependent on the business need. Memberships range from access to a variety of workspaces, called a “hot desk,” to dedicated desks or private offices. All memberships include access to the conference room, full kitchen, 24-hour secure access, commercial grade WiFi, modern ergonomic furniture, shared technology, and much more. Not to mention the greatest benefit of co-working space is access to a network of businesses looking to collaborate and grow with you. As Lewiston fosters local entrepreneurship potential, venues like Munka provide unique opportunities for start-ups and small businesses to succeed. Building on Lewiston’s business culture of supporting each other in growth, Munka is filling a niche and helping entrepreneurs through flexible, collaborative work space. To learn more about Munka and membership, visit their website: [www.munkacoworking.com](http://www.munkacoworking.com)

## Lisbon Street adds burritos to the menu near Rainbow Bikes on Lisbon Street

Just before Christmas, Tricia Tomlinson and Ben Scott opened the doors to the newest eatery on Lisbon Street: **Ben’s Burritos**, located **next to Rainbow Bikes**. The burrito shop serves a variety of menu items including spicy barbacoa-style beef with chipotle peppers and roasted tomatoes, sweet carnitas-style pork, mild salsa-verde chicken, a vegetarian sweet potato in sauce option, and rice bowls. The owners are striving to offer as much locally-sourced food as feasible, while maintaining a lean price point. **Be sure to stop in and grab a bite to eat!**



## Brownfield Clean-up Grant Sought for Bates Mill 5

Brownfields are former industrial and commercial sites where redevelopment potential may be adversely impacted because of past uses. Brownfield sites are often physically desirable for redevelopment, but contain some environmental conditions that require further research, and in some cases, clean-up before they can be reused.

Over the last several decades, environmental laws have become more strict. Prior responsible parties are held accountable whenever possible, but, especially on historic sites, the original polluters may no longer exist. Lenders require environmental assessments on all commercial real estate they finance. The assessments determine if environmental issues are present and, if so, who the likely responsible party is. For a bank to lend on a property, it must receive a clean bill of environmental health or assurance from a regulatory authority that whatever environmental issues may be present pose no risk to public health.

Recognizing the redevelopment potential of Brownfield sites and the limited private sector funding for assessment, clean up, and redevelopment, the federal government has capitalized grant programs administered by the EPA that provide funding to assist municipalities and other government and nonprofit entities to evaluate and clean-up Brownfield sites.

The City has a strong track record, utilizing over \$2.6 million in EPA Brownfield assessment and clean up grants as well as \$500,000 to establish a Brownfield Clean-up Revolving Loan Fund. Much of this work has helped address environmental concerns in many of the existing mills, including the Bates Mill Complex.

Recognizing the potential for redevelopment in Bates Mill 5, the City submitted an application for Brownfields clean-up funding through the EPA. Past Phase I, Phase II, and Targeted Brownfield Assessments at Bates 5 have identified issues of concern that include lead paint, asbestos containing materials, universal waste (old fluorescent light fixtures and ballasts), and limited areas of stained concrete in the hydroelectric generating and transformer rooms with PCB levels above what's acceptable. For the project to be eligible for financing, these issues must be addressed. If the grant application is successful, the funding will be used to addressing these environmental concerns.



## Lewiston Partners Launch Construction Job Training Program



The construction trades currently suffer from a shortage of skilled labor. This has adversely impacted the speed at which housing units approved for funding in our Lead and Healthy Homes grant actually have the work completed. Recognizing a solution may be found within the city limits, the City has partnered with the John T. Gorman Foundation, Adult Education, Western Maine Community Action, Lewiston CareerCenter, Community Concepts, Tree Street Youth, Maine Immigrant and Refugee Services, the Root Cellar, and the Green and Healthy Homes Initiative, to launch an innovative job training program directed at the construction trades. By working with community-based organizations throughout the city, the program relies on their expertise to help identify clients who could, with support and training, benefit from a career in construction, and refers them to the training program. In December, Tree Street Youth and the Root Cellar held information sessions at their centers for those interested in learning more about careers in construction, as well as the training opportunity. The course will start January 30th and last 12 weeks. The last 8 weeks will provide work experience with employers looking to hire. In addition to classroom and work-site training, the program is geared at helping participants resolve existing barriers like transportation and childcare, which can sometimes be difficult to overcome. Financial literacy and savings programs are also offered to help participants achieve personal goals that further help them succeed in their new career. For interested applicants that do not currently meet the required English or math standards, additional courses through Adult Education and the Root Cellar will help applicants continue to work toward their goal of gaining a career in construction and prepare them to meet the standards needed to be successful in a future training program. If the pilot program is successful, additional support courses may be offered to ensure there is a continuous pipeline to help people work toward this career path. Although the first cohort is currently being selected, more information will be provided soon through partner agencies regarding future training opportunities through this program.



## CHRISTMAS

Every child should look forward to Christmas morning; sadly, we all know that is not always the case. With the assistance of our partners in giving, the Lewiston Firefighters Association proudly supports an annual donation of over \$3,000 of toys and financial support to Hope Haven Gospel Mission and the Salvation Army. It has become an annual tradition that has existed for over 20 years where firefighters and their family's shop for those less fortunate. For the last two years, Lewiston's Dollar General has joined in this effort to provide even more support with a customer toy donation box. We are thankful for our ability to help those in need. Hopefully, these efforts will brighten a child's Christmas morning. (Pictured below: Mayor Macdonald, representatives of the LFD, Hope Haven, Salvation Army, and Dollar General.)



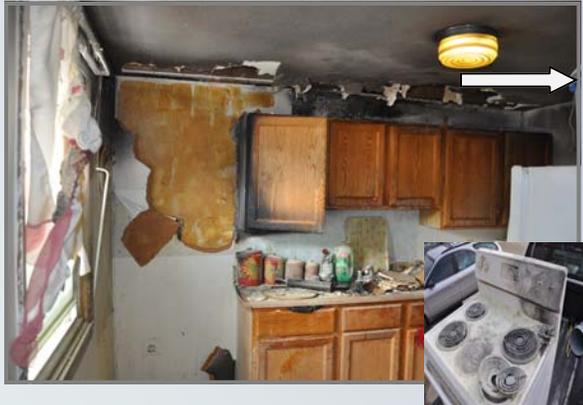


**December 11 -  
Vehicle Fire at 4 Gina Street**

Crews responded to a vehicle fire and determined the cause as improper disposal of smoking materials. The vehicle was considered a total loss.

**December 24 -  
Kitchen Fire at 64 Oxford Street**

Heating cooking oil on too high a setting was the cause of this Christmas-Eve kitchen fire. The occupants were alerted by smoke detectors and were able to contain the fire with a portable fire extinguisher. Damages were estimated at \$1,000.



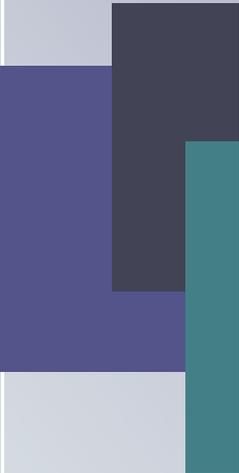
**December 26th  
Kitchen Fire at 77 Rideout Avenue**

The second fire in just a few days with the same cause - heating cooking oil on too high a setting caused the fire on Rideout Avenue. Smoke detectors alerted the occupants, and the Fire Department estimated damages totaling \$5,000.

**December 26  
Fed Ex Truck Fire at 27 Nimitz St.**

The truck fire caused minor heat damage to the neighboring residence. The truck was considered a total loss and the fire remains under investigation





*Are you or someone you know a smoker? Here are some safety tips:*

It is important for smokers to know the steps they can take to keep themselves and their families safe from fire. Put these fire safety messages into your own words when talking to people.

***Smoke Outside.*** Many things in your home can catch on fire if something hot like a cigarette or ashes touch it. It's always safer to smoke outside.

***Put Cigarettes out all the way - do this every time.*** Don't walk away from lit cigarettes and other smoking materials. Put water on the ashes and butts to make sure they are fully out before you put them in the trash.

***Be alert. Do not smoke after taking medicine that makes you tired.*** You may not be able to prevent or escape from a fire if you are sleepy or have taken medicine that makes you very tired.

***Never smoke around medical oxygen.*** Medical oxygen is flammable and can explode if a flame or spark is near. Even if the oxygen is turned off, it can still catch on fire.

***Never smoke in bed.*** Mattresses and bedding can catch on fire easily. Do not smoke in bed because you might fall asleep with a lit cigarette.

***Put your cigarette out in an ashtray or bucket with sand.*** Use ashtrays with a wide base so they won't tip over and start a fire.





# Babysitting Safety

**Having a babysitter** can give you peace of mind. It allows you to leave your child with someone you trust. Be sure your babysitter knows about fire safety. Be sure your babysitter knows what to do if there is a fire.

Show the babysitter your home escape plan and make sure the babysitter understands:

- » two ways out of every room.
- » where the outdoor meeting place is located.
- » the fire department or emergency phone number.
- » how to unlock all doors and windows.

If you allow your babysitter to cook, make sure the babysitter:

- » keeps your child at least 3 feet away from the stove.
- » keeps your child at least 3 feet away from the microwave oven.
- » never leaves the room while cooking.
- » keeps anything that can catch fire away from the stovetop.
- » keeps pets off surfaces and countertops.

If the smoke alarm sounds make sure your babysitter knows to:

- » get out of the home quickly with your child to safety.
- » use the second way out if smoke is in the way.
- » get low and go under the smoke to the exit if an escape must be made through smoke.

Store matches and lighters out of your child's reach. Candles should not be used by your babysitter.

Make sure your babysitter keeps a 3-foot "kid-free zone" around space heaters.

## REMEMBER

Always leave the phone number where you can be reached. Cell phones make this easy. Be sure the babysitter knows the address of the home.



## Babysitter Training

Many places offer babysitter classes. These are online and in the classroom. Some schools and hospitals give training. Classes teach how to care for children. They also teach first aid. They teach CPR. What to do in an emergency is also taught.

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# Planning & Code Enforcement

Gil Arsenault, Director

## Planning Board and Related Activities

### Acquisition of 143 Pine Street

On December 19th, the Board voted to send a favorable recommendation to the City Council for the acquisition of **143 Pine Street**. This property was condemned and recently demolished by the City of Lewiston. Pine Street Properties LLC owned the property without any encumbrances, and staff negotiated with the LLC to give the City a Warranty Deed. The City would have eventually owned the property via a Quit Claim Deed as the LLC had no other resources and would not be in a position to pay City costs for the demolition.

### Rezoning of 209 Webster Street

The Board also conducted a public hearing on December 19th regarding a petition submitted by Louis Ouellette to conditionally rezone the property at **209 Webster Street** from Neighborhood Conservation "A" (NCA) to Office Residential (OR) in order to allow for the development of a multi-family senior housing project. The project would also include the development of **151 and 153 East Avenue**, both currently zoned OR. The Board voted to send a favorable recommendation to the City Council to adopt the proposed conditional rezoning.



## Enforcement Action

- On December 2nd, staff filed the requisite documents with the City Attorney to initiate a Contempt of Court Action regarding the lack of compliance with a Consent Judgment regarding International Property Maintenance Code (IMPC) violations at **141 Bartlett Street**.
- On December 9th, staff filed the requisite documents with the City Attorney to initiate an 80K lawsuit regarding IMPC violations at **107 Birch Street**.
- On December 22nd, the District Court acted on a Default Order and Judgment regarding IMPC violations at **141 Bartlett Street**. The court ordered the owner of the property to remedy violations, to pay a civil penalty, and reimburse the City for its legal costs.

## PERMIT ACTIVITY

### DECEMBER 2016

- ◆ 21 building permits with a reported value of \$384,025 (one new single-family home)
- ◆ 10 plumbing permits
- ◆ 45 electrical permits

### DECEMBER 2015

- ◇ 37 building permits with a reported value of \$302,381
- ◇ 5 plumbing permits
- ◇ 47 electrical permits

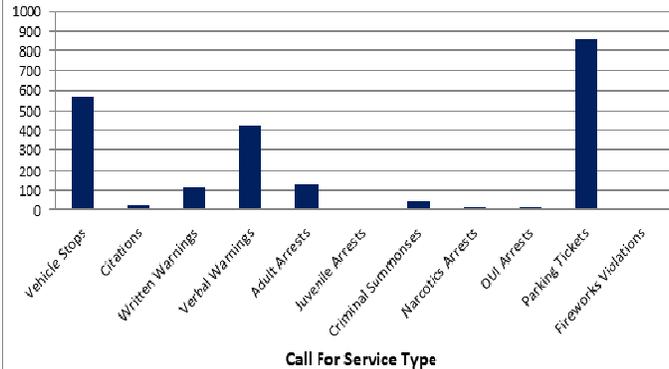
# Police

Brian O'Malley, Interim Chief

Calls For Service	DEC. 2016
Total CFS	3,251
Vehicle Stops	570
Citations	27
Written Warnings	116
Verbal Warnings	427
Adult Arrests	127
Juvenile Arrests	6
Criminal Summonses	43
Narcotics Arrests	8
OUI Arrests	12
Parking Tickets	859
Fireworks Violations	0

## Statistics

December 2016



### Training

- ◆ Officers attending CPR and AED recertifications
- ◆ Officers attended training for LeadsOnline, a technology service used to assist law enforcement with investigations

### Recruitment

- ◆ Officers attended a College for ME luncheon as well as a luncheon focused on attracting interest in employment from various pools of talent.
- ◆ Lewiston High School students enrolled in law enforcement classes were informed of the LPD hiring process.
- ◆ Officer Weaver conducted four pre-employment polygraph examinations.

### Community

**DARE graduations were held at the following elementary schools:**

- Farwell
- Martel
- McMahon
- Geiger
- St. Dominic Academy

### Presentations

- Police presented an orientation as part of Catholic Charities of Maine's orientation
- Police also presented Polygraph to students at Lewiston High School

## Community Events

### Meetings attended:

- ◆ Project Unite
- ◆ Masjidul Salaam Mosque
- ◆ New Mainer Community Collaborative
- ◆ New Mainer Public Health Initiative
- ◆ Immigrant and Refugee Integration
- ◆ Lewiston-Auburn Alliance for Services to the Homeless (LAASH)
- ◆ Tri-County Mental Health Services regarding Project Midnight
- ◆ (Promise) Early Childhood Education Board Meeting

### Community Resource Team (CRT)

- ◇ Officers of the Community Resource Team hosted Coffee with a Cop at Blake Street Towers, Frye School Apartments, and Healy Terrace Apartments.
- ◇ CRO Team officers Meserve, Philippon, and Weaver provided tours of the PD to two 5th grade classes of students from Geiger Elementary—*pictured below*.



- ◇ Officers attended a luncheon at Meadowview Apartments
- ◇ Officers conducted a safety presentation for staff at Community Credit Union

- ◇ Officers escorted students from Geiger Elementary to Montello Manor for Christmas Caroling
- ◇ Members of the LPD participated in the L/A Metro Chamber of Commerce's Stuff the Bus and attended Special Olympics tennis event at Bates College



## Enforcement

Sex offender notifications, disorderly properties, speeding concerns in the vicinity of Farwell Elementary, and patrolling alleyways, parking garages, and parks to assist transients and homeless were all worked on by officers in the month of December.

# Public Works

Dave Jones, Director

## DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

**WINTER ARRIVED!** We had **four plowable storms** in December including a **19 inch storm on December 29/30**. The **total snowfall for the month was ~35 inches**; in comparison, we had only **43 inches for the entire winter in 2015**. Here is a summary of some of the other work during December:

### Street/Road & Sidewalk Improvement Projects

The Highway Division crews completed the following:

- In addition to responding to the four plowable storms, crews responded to five more salt/sand events;
- Responded to three ice-condition areas and spot snow removal at the fire stations and 14 other locations around town;
- Responded to 84 Dig-Safe requests for stormwater infrastructure;
- Storm drain repairs at Main Street and Plourde Parkway were completed;
- Roadside shoulder and ditch maintenance were completed along several hundred feet of Ferry Road;
- The Traffic crew replaced or installed traffic or wayfinding signs at 27 locations;
- The Open Space crew aerated and slice seeded six athletic fields and removed fencing at the Randall Road ballfields;
- The crew continued the litter patrol and leaf cleanup as well as blowing out the irrigation lines at Simard-Payne Park and the fountains and water services at Raymond Park, Dufresne Plaza, Marcotte Park, Upper Franklin and the Franklin main fields, tennis courts and Kennedy Park pool;
- Christmas decorations were installed throughout the downtown for the holiday festivities;
- The Arborist crew removed four hazardous trees (three of which were dying); pruned low branches on two plow routes and cleaned up storm debris from fallen tree branches;

- Set up for Christmas tree disposal at the yard.

### Contracted projects status update:

- **Lisbon Street Reconstruction and Downtown Signalization** - The project is complete. Final review and testing of the signal system is underway with all work to be completed in January;
- **The Sabattus Street Signalization Project is complete**. Final review and testing of the signal system is underway with all work to be completed in January;
- **Bartlett Street – Design work is complete** and we are waiting on MEDOT to complete the right-of-way work. We are hoping to finish construction in 2017.



### Water, Sewer, Stormwater Division

Construction projects and studies.  
The following are being worked:

- ◆ **Vale Street Neighborhood CSO project** - Design work is underway for planned CSO work scheduled for bid this winter with work anticipated to be complete in the spring/summer of 2017;
- ◆ **Simard Neighborhood CSO project** is currently being surveyed and is scheduled for bid in the spring/summer of 2017;

- ◆ **North Lisbon Road Storm Drain** - We met with US Army Corps of Engineers and the US Fish & Wildlife to again review the project and were told a letter of approval should be issued for our permit by mid-January. We expect to advertise the contract this winter and construct this summer;

#### **Hart Brook Water Quality Restoration:**

- ◆ **Webster Street Stormwater Treatment System** - The StormTech Chamber system by Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc. (ADS) was selected for the stormwater treatment system in Webster Street at a delivered price of \$47,250. The underground chambers will provide stormwater storage and treatment from approximately 52 acres of drainage area in the Hart Brook Watershed. Installation of the system will be advertised in a separate bid this winter with construction occurring next spring.
- ◆ **Hart Brook Water Quality Testing** - CES, Inc. finished the water quality monitoring on Hart Brook and has submitted a draft report that is currently being reviewed. The data will be used to determine water quality of Hart Brook and help prioritize water quality improvement projects;
- ◆ **Westminster Street Culvert Replacement** - The Engineering Department is wrapping up the design for the replacement of the Hart Brook culvert under Westminster Street. The existing four barrel pipe culvert is heavily corroded and will be replaced with a single concrete box culvert. Due to permitting requirements, construction is expected to occur next summer;
- ◆ **Sanitary Sewer Condition Assessment and Asset Management Program**—Work is underway for two separate contracts awarded to Ted Berry Company. Ted Berry Company finished the 2016 inspection work on December 2nd when the weather turned and began to prohibit production. During the fall season, approximately 23,600 LF of pipe and 67 sewer manholes were inspected. They ran into very heavy cleaning that slowed the inspection progress, but

provided much needed maintenance to the sewers. The project will continue as soon as weather permits next spring. Ted Berry also continued work on the criticality risk assessment model that will help the City prioritize the sewer rehabilitation program. This project kicked-off in mid-November and is expected to be complete by March 31, 2017;

- ◆ **Cure-in-place Sewer Lining**- Green Mountain Pipeline Services continued work to line approximately 20,000 LF of sanitary sewer at a cost of \$750,750. The installation of the liner began in December and should be completed by the end of January with the exception of some liners that had to be special ordered due to the required thickness of the liner;
- ◆ **Tall Pines Pump Station** - Design work is underway for the next pump station replacement on Tall Pines Drive, to be advertised for bids in January for spring construction;
- ◆ **Sunnyside Area Sewer Separation Phase 3** - Work on a new separate storm drain system on Spring, Summer, Bridge, Winter, Holland, West Bates, and Whipple Streets has been completed by Gendron and Gendron. There will be some minor follow-up work in the spring;
- ◆ **Brault, Belleview & Blanchette Street Water Main** - This project will replace the 60-year-old, six-inch cast iron water main on these streets with a new eight-inch pipe. Design work is complete and the project will be advertised for bidding this month. Construction will begin in the spring.

#### **Work performed by the Water/Sewer crews Included:**

- ◆ Responded to three main leaks and one service leak;
- ◆ Responded to 89 Dig-Safe requests;
- ◆ Responded to 43 E-GOVs;
- ◆ Repaired five hydrants due to accidents;
- ◆ Crews continued to drain, flag, and shovel/clear 750+ hydrants for winter operations;

- ◇ Crews changed out 184 meters due to age and PUC guidance. Testing of 58 of those meters showed 35 failing for accuracy (low readings).

### SOLID WASTE DIVISION

- \* Completed recertification training in HazMat Management;
- \* Bates College students prepared and presented their paper, "Proposal for Strategic Planning for Solid Waste Management in Lewiston, Maine." The paper provided an overview of current solid waste management practices in Lewiston and explored opportunities to reduce solid waste generation rates in the short and long-term.
- \* The approved revisions to the Solid Waste Fee Schedule and ePass program were successfully installed on the Scale Management System for both the Solid Waste Facility and the Finance Department.
- \* The Curbside Single Stream Recycling Rate for December 2016 is 14%. The rate increases to 20% if we include recyclables material generated from commercial establishments.

### BUILDING DIVISION

- Received 21 E-Gov requests and resolved 26 of them;
- Finished leaf clean up around all the municipal buildings and parking garages;
- Addressed snow removal responsibilities for City Hall, Library, Violations Bureau, Police, Armory, and all city parking garages/lots.



## RECREATION DIVISION

### On-line Registrations now available!

Recreation has gone digital! Registrations, events, and meeting bookings can all be handled ONLINE! Check our website [www.lewistonrecreation.com](http://www.lewistonrecreation.com); click the Online Registration link for information and a helpful tutorial.

### December Events

Most of the Armory's regular meeting groups held holiday parties in the Senior Center. The Armory is becoming a hot spot for baby and bridal showers as well!

Jason and Joe did their part as "Helper - Elves" for Photo Finish and Santa at the Auburn Mall on Wednesday, December 21st. Proceeds from picture trimming were donated to Recreation!

### Featured Armory Patrons!

Dr. Yasuo and Mrs. Lena Kanda have been ballroom dancing for over 30 years. They have won competitions in Boston and New York. The Armory is lucky to have this vibrant couple, both of whom are in their 80s, dancing in the Drill Room every weekday morning. On December 28th, they celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary, like any other Wednesday, dancing at the Armory.





Enjoying the Drill Room at the Armory

### RECREATION PROGRAMS

**Co-ed Basketball** players were offered a mid-vacation Skills & Drills clinic run by coaches Dom Lacasse and Elgin Phisic / great turn out!

#### Upcoming Programs

##### Kinder Basketball

is nearly here! This six-week program is designed to teach 4-6 year olds the basics of basketball in a fun setting that promotes success and interest. January 7th was the big day.

##### Youth Wrestling at the Armory, Mondays and Fridays, January 2 - March 3, 2017

**Age:** 4-9 year olds (Juniors);  
10-14 year olds (Seniors)

**Fee:** Juniors \$90; LA resident discount \$70  
Seniors \$100; LA resident discount \$80

**When:** Juniors 5:30 - 6:30 PM;  
Seniors 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Please note: Program requires USA Wrestling membership (\$20). Head gear is available.

### Ski & Snowboard at Lost Valley

**Age:** At least 7 years old and 48" by 1/1/17

**Fee:** \$66 for lift ticket; \$126 for lift ticket & lesson; \$65 for ski/snowboard rental package.

**Where:** The program will be held at Lost Valley Ski Area, 200 Lost Valley Road, Auburn.  
*Please note that transportation is not provided.*

**When:** Tuesdays 6-7 PM, Jan. 10 - Feb. 14, 2017 Lift tickets are good until closing each lesson night.

**Program Description:** We'll be on the slopes at Lost Valley this winter for skiing and snowboarding. The Lost Valley Club Program introduces its members to a recreational sport that can truly be enjoyed throughout a lifetime. It encourages exercise and physical activity, and challenges students to learn new skills. The 6-week program will give participants access to top-notch instructors and the most deeply discounted program at Lost Valley. Choose between skiing and snowboarding with rental available too.



## Indoor Futsal Soccer

This modified soccer game is meant for indoors with no walls necessary. Futsal places the emphasis on technical skill, ball control, and passing by using a special Futsal Ball.

**Session 1:** Sundays, Jan. 8 - Feb. 17, 2017

**Session 2:** Sundays, Mar. 5 - Apr. 9, 2017

**Fee:** \$60; LA Resident Discount \$40

**Age/Time:** 9-13 year olds (8:30 - 9:30 AM)

High School (9:30 - 11:00 AM)

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*Sponsored by the Lewiston Recreation Division*

**Dates:** February 21-24, 2017  
**Topic:** "Reactions in Action Camp"  
**Location:** Lewiston Recreation Building, 65 Central Ave, Lewiston  
**Times:** 9am - 3pm (Early Drop off 8:30am)  
**Grades/Ages:** K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Ages 5-11.  
**Cost:** \$200/Resident \$220/non-Resident for all 4 days of camp  
or \$55/day Resident \$60/day non-Resident  
**# of Campers:** 10 minimum/20 Maximum

Register online at [www.lewistonmaine.gov](http://www.lewistonmaine.gov) or call Lewiston Recreation at 207-513-3005

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# Wellness Information & Updates

## 24-Day Holiday Challenge

The purpose of the challenge was to reduce stress, feel good, and get a jump start on New Year's resolutions by not falling apart during the holiday.

### NATIONAL GET ON A SCALE DAY

17 names were drawn to receive a free scale

## Top 5 New Year's Resolutions:

1. Enjoy life to the fullest
2. Live a healthier lifestyle
3. Lose weight
4. Spend more time with family and friends
5. Save more, spend less

