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## Greetings from the City of Lewiston

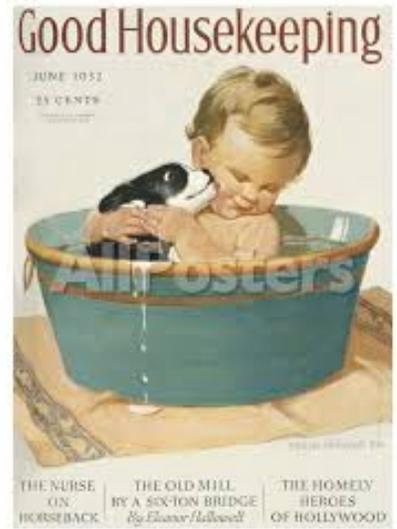
Each month, this report from the City Administrator's office provides a brief summary and update of major activities, events, projects, and programs that impact the community of Lewiston. Feel free to send your comments and suggestions.

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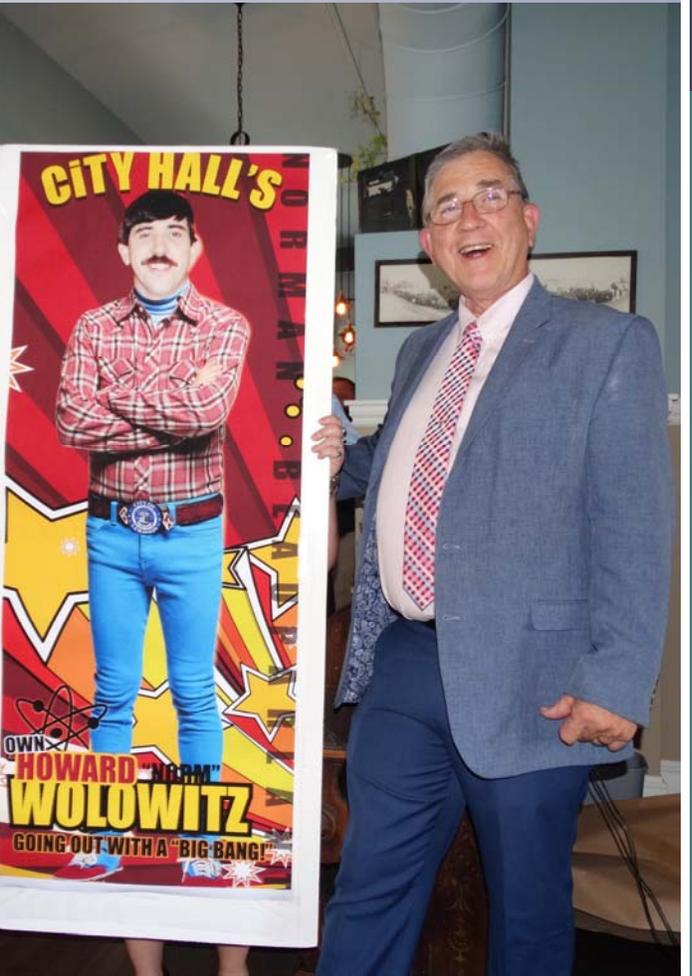
# Items of Interest

Deputy City Administrator Phil Nadeau and Purchasing Director Norm Beauparlant

Retire on June 30th, 2017

*Let the pictures tell the story!*





FREE!

# SUMMER FUN & FILMS

MIDWEEK MOVIE NIGHTS  
with the Lewiston Police



presents

## FAMILY MOVIE SHOW DATES

ALL MOVIES START AT DUSK. MOVIES TBD.

**JUNE 28**

SIMARD PAYNE PARK

**JULY 12**

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH FIELD

**JULY 26**

SOUTH LEWISTON BALL FIELDS

**AUGUST 9**

PETTINGILL SCHOOL PARK

**AUGUST 23**

DROUIN FIELD



ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES  
START AT 6:00 PM

L/A ARTS  
COLORING AND JUICE

MR. DREW AND HIS ANIMALS TOO

FUNTIME KIDS ENTERTAINMENT  
OBSTACLE COURSE & JUMP HOUSE

CELEBRATION CORPORATION  
10 PERSON PHOTO BOOTH

LEWISTON RECREATION  
SPORTING GAMES

PINKY D'S  
FOOD TRUCK

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**FREE TO ATTEND**



# City Administrator Ed Barrett

## State Adopts Budget Allowing City to Finalize Tax Rate and Prepare Tax Bills

After a brief state shut down, the legislature approved and the Governor signed a new state two-year budget. Given the delay in adopting the state's budget, the City's final budget remained uncertain with the possibility the Council would have to consider changes. Luckily, that proved unnecessary.

The largest state impact on Lewiston is a \$2.15 million increase for the Lewiston School Department. In May, voters adopted a school budget that anticipated about an additional \$600,000 in aid to education based on preliminary legislative indications. In addition, voters approved using any additional school funding to reduce the mill rate for schools to the minimum rate required by the state to ensure the City would receive full state funding. Anything over and above this amount was to be available for emergency use or carried over to the following fiscal year. This allowed the mill rate for schools to fall from \$10.29 to \$10.18, a reduction of 12 cents.

On the City side, the biggest impact was an increase in the homestead exemption from \$15,000 to \$20,000, with 50% of the lost tax revenue reimbursed to the City by the state as opposed to the 62.5% reimbursement initially anticipated. Normally, an increase of \$5,000 without an increase in the rate of reimbursement would add about ten cents to the tax rate. As the Assessing Department completed updating our tax rolls, however, our final assessed value came in about \$10 million higher than initially projected. This increase eliminated the potential increase in our tax rate. Note, however, that our assessment ration (the percentage of market value reflected in our assessed value) fell from 90 to 89%. This means that homeowners with a homestead will see an assessed value reduction of \$17,800 since the values we set for tax purposes are below actual market value.

The City's final tax rate for next year will be \$28.02, an increase of 48 cents or 1.75%. Residents with the homestead exemption whose properties are assessed at \$250,000 or less, however, will see an actual reduction in their tax bills. For example, if your property is valued at \$100,000, your tax bill will drop by \$86.83, or 5.1%. At \$150,000, your bill will be \$50.84 less, a 1.4% reduction.

This is the second year in a row that state increases in the homestead have resulted in reduced tax bills for most residents with the homestead.

A quick note. Not everyone who is eligible for the homestead has applied for it. An application form and instructions can be found on our web site at <http://www.ci.lewiston.me.us/index.aspx?nid=108>.

## Crosswalk Pedestrian Signals – How to Make Them Work For You

Over the past several years, the City has been upgrading our pedestrian walk/don't walk signals at various locations. This is being done to meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements and to improve safety. Unfortunately, not everyone understands how these new signals work. What follows is a primer on how to make them work for you. **IN MOST INSTANCES, YOU MUST PUSH A BUTTON TO ACTIVATE A WALK SIGNAL.**

### How Do Pedestrian Signals Work?

A pedestrian signal allows a safer way for pedestrians to cross the street at signalized intersections. The pedestrian signal, when activated, provides time for the pedestrian to enter the street during the steady "WALK" and to finish crossing the street during the flashing "DON'T WALK" signal. The pedestrian signal is normally activated by a pedestrian detector push-button that causes the controller to operate a pre-programmed time sequence of steady "WALK" and flashing "DON'T WALK" signals.

Pedestrian signal indications consist of "WALK" and "DON'T WALK" signals, or international symbols displaying a person walking for "WALK" and a hand for "DON'T WALK." The "WALK," or person walking symbol, is displayed in white, and the "DON'T WALK," or hand symbol, is displayed in Portland orange. Another feature which can be added is a display of a "countdown" timer which coincides with the flashing "DON'T WALK."

### "WALK" Indication



The pedestrian signal sequence begins when the "WALK" signal is illuminated. This sequence is normally 4 to 7 seconds long and allows enough time to leave the curb and begin crossing the street in the direction of the "WALK" indication. At some locations where there are many pedestrians or a long crossing distance, a longer "WALK" interval may be used.

### Flashing "DON'T WALK"



The pedestrian clearance interval consists of a flashing "DON'T WALK" signal. During this interval pedestrians should complete their crossing; however, they should not begin crossing on the flashing "DON'T WALK" signal. "Countdown" timers may be added to inform the pedestrian how much time remains to exit the street.

The clearance interval is based on the street width and pedestrian walking speed.

## Steady "DON'T WALK"



The "DON'T WALK" signal with steady illumination means that a pedestrian should not enter or cross the street in the direction of the pedestrian signal.

## Countdown Pedestrian Signals



The City has recently started installing countdown crosswalk signals. These signals have a countdown timer that shows pedestrians how many seconds they have to cross the street before the signal changes to "DON'T WALK".

## Pedestrian Signal Design



The pedestrian push-button detector is usually found on the pole under the pedestrian signal head. A sign is normally mounted above the pedestrian detector explaining its purpose, and the position of the push button will tell which crosswalk signal is activated by which push-button.

Pedestrians



# Economic & Community Development

Lincoln Jeffers, Director

## Food Truck Ordinance

The food truck industry has been growing across the country at a steady rate. The unique set-up has yielded an opportunity for entrepreneurs to test the local culinary market before investing in a brick and mortar business. Last January, the Portland Press Herald reported eight local food truck businesses converted to fixed restaurant locations. It is estimated that there are over 8,000 licensed food trucks throughout the country. In Maine, Portland has had the largest draw with 28 licensed food trucks and 24 licensed pushcarts; Lewiston currently has 13 roving diners licensed (pushcarts & food trucks).

This past month, the City Council reviewed proposed changes to the current ordinance regulating food trucks to allow increased flexibility on where food trucks can operate within the city. The amended ordinance will continue to require food trucks to be located a minimum of 100 feet from food service businesses, unless part of a special event. Food trucks will be restricted from parks, schools, and other City-owned property unless part of a special event. Food trucks will be permitted on most city streets where hourly parking exists; however, they will only be allowed a maximum of four hours. Food trucks will not be permitted on Lisbon Street.

Food trucks may operate 6 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on public property and 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. on private property with the permission of the property owner.

Food trucks will be required to have an off-site permitted location to prepare food. This can be achieved through leased space or their own permitted space in or outside of Lewiston.

The City Council approved the proposed changes in July and the ordinance will be in effect August 17<sup>th</sup>.



## Build Maine



The Build Maine conference returned to Lewiston this year featuring a host of state and national speakers to share their experiences on how Maine can improve development in towns and cities.

This year Build Maine constructed a demonstration project on Lincoln Street to showcase how buffered bike lanes could be created with on street parking and temporary bollards. These low cost solutions offer options for cities to test and improve areas for cyclists. The bollards are easily removable and a great option for northern states like Maine who need to be cognizant of snow plowing. The public was asked to provide feedback on their experience traveling Lincoln Street during the project. The feedback was constructive and most users felt the bollards were too busy and somewhat distracting to drivers, while bikers reported enjoying the buffered bike lanes and feeling safer.

## Grand Rounds Open House

Grand Rounds is a healthcare company that connects patients with local and remote specialty care. Lewiston will serve as their East Coast hub for patient care operations, and complement their West Coast operations center in Reno. The new office is located in the historic Bates Mill Complex in Mill 6, above Fish Bones. The new office opened last winter and welcomed the community in for an open house this month to celebrate the new location. Grandrounds is a prime example of the potential Lewiston has for attracting growing businesses as well as the state of the art capabilities our historic buildings can provide. We are thrilled to have them here and support their continued growth.



# Fire

Acting Chief Bruce McKay



## Wednesday, June 14th 99 Horton Street Structure Fire

The cause of this structure fire was an electrical overload in the attic area. The fire was contained to the attic area; however, it did cause some structural damage to the third-floor apartment. Six tenants were displaced from their third-floor apartment, but there were no reported injuries and property damage was estimated to be \$20,000.



**On Thursday, June 22nd Mark Anderson began his position as Lieutenant on E5C - Main Street Sub Station.**

Mark began his career with the department in May of 2005. Over the years as a Private, he worked diligently on professional development through education, seminars, and certifications. One of his greatest accomplishments to date is his certification as an Ice Water Rescue Trainer. Over the past several years, Mark has managed the department's Ice Water Rescue training program. On behalf of the L.F.D., Pvt. Anderson applied for and was awarded a grant through the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation to purchase the necessary equipment for Ice Water Rescue.

Congratulations **Lieutenant Anderson** - your hard work and dedication to the department and to the community of Lewiston is greatly appreciated.



# Smoking & Home Fire Safety



The place where we feel safest — at home — is where most smoking-materials structure fires, deaths, and injuries occur. Smoking materials are the leading cause of fire deaths. Smoking material fires are preventable.

## Smoking Safety

- » If you smoke, use only fire-safe cigarettes.
- » If you smoke, smoke outside. Most deaths result from fires that started in living rooms, family rooms and dens or in bedrooms.
- » Keep cigarettes, lighters, matches, and other smoking materials up high out of the reach of children, in a locked cabinet.

## Put It Out

- » Use a deep, sturdy ashtray. Place it away from anything that can burn.
- » Do not discard cigarettes in vegetation such as mulch, potted plants or landscaping, peat moss, dried grasses, leaves or other things that could ignite easily.
- » Before you throw away butts and ashes, make sure they are out, and dousing in water or sand is the best way to do that.

## Smoking and Medical Oxygen

Never smoke and never allow anyone to smoke where medical oxygen is used. Medical oxygen can cause materials to ignite more easily and make fires burn at a faster rate than normal. It can make an existing fire burn faster and hotter.

## ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES

Fires have occurred while e-cigarettes were being used, the battery was being charged, or the device was being transported. Battery failures have led to small explosions. Never leave charging e-cigarettes unattended. E-cigarettes should be used with caution.

## FACTS

- ! The risk of dying in a home structure fire caused by smoking materials rises with age.
- ! One out of four fatal victims of smoking-material fires is not the smoker whose cigarette started the fire.



Your Source for SAFETY Information

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Lewiston Fire Department

513-3002

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# Lewiston Public Schools

## Superintendent Bill Webster



### School Committee Meeting Changes

All regular meetings are now scheduled to begin at **6:30 PM**, and if not held in schools, the meeting will be held in the conference room on the second floor of the Dingley building.

### Impact of State Budget Approval



The state budget was finally approved in the early hours of July 4<sup>th</sup>. The budget includes additional educational funding of \$48.4 million in 2017-18 and \$113.6 million in 2018-19. On July 12<sup>th</sup>, the Department of Education finally released the detailed 2017-18 figures for Maine school districts. The details are available at:

<http://www.maine.gov/education/data/eps/fy18/index.html>

Most Maine school districts are receiving additional funding under the approved budget in comparison to the Governor's original proposal made public in February. The state supported an increase of \$1.22 million for Auburn, \$0.4 million for Lisbon, \$0.6 million for RSU 52 (Turner), \$0.6 million for RSU 16 (Poland) and **\$2.15 million for Lewiston**. The final budget also reduced the minimum required local share, which reduced the Lewiston local tax component by \$218,000 for a net increase of \$1,933,000. This increase is the net of three major adjustments:

1. The Governor's proposal originally eliminated any support for system administration. This was partially restored in the approved budget. The cumulative effect of this change increased our allocation by \$924,000.
2. Support for disadvantaged (free and reduced lunch) students was increased by 33%. This change has change added \$1,230,000 to our subsidy.
3. New targeted funds for K-2 students were reduced by 33% from what was in the Governor's budget; however, this was mitigated by restoration of targeted funding for Pre-K education. This resulted in a net funding reduction of (\$221,000).

The \$218,000 local property reduction equates to a mil rate of \$10.18, a \$0.11 reduction from the originally approved tax rate of \$10.29, and \$0.12 less than last year's rate of \$10.30. The net additional revenue of \$1,933,000 for Lewiston covers the \$604,000 budget shortfall and provides \$1,329,000 in funding available for emergency use and/or carryover to the 2018-2019 budget.

### Title I Deduction Gone Forever

For years, Lewiston has had the bulk of its Federal Title I funding deducted from the subsidy provided by the State. A two-year campaign to eliminate this likely illegal practice first showed some traction when the Blue Ribbon Education Committee recommended the elimination of the

practice. The Governor also eliminated the deduction in his proposed budget. Then, before any budget was adopted, the deduction was banned outright in legislation sponsored by Senator Nate Libby and strongly supported in the Legislature. This change will ensure that Lewiston's annual state education subsidy will be roughly \$2 million higher each year from now on.

### Next Year's Budget Unknowns

The two-year budget approval has a couple of interesting provisions that may require further legislation or regulations from the Department of Education. First, there is the provision that requires at least 50% of the subsidy increase to be used to lower local tax rates. This can be accomplished through the funding formula for school units like Lewiston that only tax at the minimum required local share. The majority of districts in Maine, however, tax above the minimum required so there will need to be some certification or checking process to ensure that property tax payers receive the intended benefit. Also, there is a provision that 33% of next year's system administration be used for participation in regional cooperatives to be authorized by the commissioner and established through inter-local agreements. There are many unanswered questions, and the likelihood of such cooperatives to be operational by next July is remote.

### Summer Programs in Full Swing

This year, there are roughly 1,300 students participating in our 16 different summer programs, which run from 7/4 thru 8/4. These are summarized in the table below: [Note: ESY stands for extended school year and is required for specific special education students.]

Location	Program Type	# of Students	Location	Program Type	# of Students
LHS	ESY FLS/RISE	17	LMS	Summer School Standard-based	150
LHS	Summer School Standard-based	364	Geiger	ESY RISE	23
McMahon	Day treatment	17	Geiger	ESY Resource	24
McMahon	ESY Resource	6	Geiger	Summer School Standard-based	60
McMahon	Summer School Standard-based	90	Montello	ESY Self-contained	4
Farwell	ESY FLS/RISE	43	Montello	Summer School Standard-based	200
Farwell	Resource Room ESY	23	Longley/Martel	ESY Self-contained	5
LMS	ESY FLS/RISE/Day treatment	13	Longley	Summer School Standard-based	250
					1289

### New School Update

If you haven't driven or walked by Franklin Pasture recently, I strongly recommend that you do so. The size of this construction project is impressive, and the gully behind the high school is now almost filled in. At this point, everything is moving forward and on scheduled for completion in the summer of 2019.

## Barr Foundation Grant for New High School Development

Tree Street Youth, working in conjunction with Lewiston Public Schools (LPS) and Wayfinder Schools, has been awarded a Barr Foundation grant. In making the award, the Foundation was particularly impressed with the collaboration among the community partners and LPS. The grant will provide 150,000 for the first year, the planning year, which will fund a position to facilitate the development of the plan for a different high school to be located in the Longley building once the new elementary school is completed. A draft plan will be presented to the School Committee by early spring. If approved by the School Committee, the Foundation will then provide additional support up to \$750,000 for each of the following two years. Whatever direction is taken, the proposed new school will remain part of LPS, and the grant has the potential to greatly accelerate and support the work that we have already been planning.



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6/6/17	The SC desks constructed by LRTC students in 1983 are finding a new home in Auburn & Livermore schools. The room will become our ELL office.
6/7/17	The Hudson Bus bldg is coming down as part of the plan to permit the new school construction. It will be a great city park & playing field.
6/15/17	Lewiston Public Schools will be exhibiting student and other work at today's B2B Trade Show at the Colisee. Please drop by!
6/20/17	The SC approved Tiffany Demarest as Montello AP & April Caron as Farwell AP. I approved Michelle Russell's request to transfer to McMahon AP
6/21/17	Reminder- tonight 6-7pm, there is a session at LMS entitled "A Discussion of the School's Response to Tragedy." Come learn & ask questions.
6/23/17	71 employees were honored yesterday for continuation service awards from 10 to 35 years.
6/26/17	Just learned that this year's LHS 4-year cohort grad rate is up over 5% from 2016. Final determination will await State certification.
6/29/17	Pleased to learn that LHS has been awarded another MELMAC grant to support college access programs.
7/9/17	Attention candidates for School Committee and other city offices: Nomination papers are now available in the City Clerk's office.
7/11/17	Interesting guide on how to raise a child to be a reader. <a href="https://www.nytimes.com/guides/books/how-to-raise-a-reader">https://www.nytimes.com/guides/books/how-to-raise-a-reader</a>

# Planning & Code Enforcement

Gil Arsenault, Director

## Planning Board

### JUNE 26

- ◆ The Board voted to send a favorable recommendation to the City Council to contract zone the property at **209 Webster Street**. If approved by Council, the property would change from Neighborhood Conservation "A" to Office Residential in order to allow for the development of a market-rate multi-family senior housing project limited to residents 55 years of age or older.
- ◆ The Board voted to send a favorable recommendation to the City Council to contract zone the property located at **299 River Road** (Provencher Landscape and Nursery). If approved by the Council, the property would change from Rural Agricultural to Neighborhood Conservation "B" to permit the current use to continue and/or to permit a neighborhood retail store (possibly antique sales), art and crafts studio, personal services, etc.
- ◆ The Board voted to send a favorable recommendation on June 26<sup>th</sup> to the City Council to amend the Zoning and Land Use Code to eliminate the requirement for a "new" variance as a prerequisite to make changes to properties that contain mobile homes on individual lots that were developed in whole or in part by variance.

### JUNE 27

- ◆ The City Council and Planning Board conducted a joint workshop to discuss topics such as the implementation of the comprehensive plan, and off-campus student housing disturbances in areas adjacent to Bates College, etc.

## Staff Review Committee

- ◆ On June 1st, the Committee granted approval to Leo G. Dagneau, owner of Leo's Garage, to construct a 1,200 square foot building for an auto repair shop at **1242 Sabattus Street**.
- ◆ On June 22nd, the Committee granted approval to Jessica Gravel to convert the first floor of the two-family dwelling at **147 Summer Street** to a small daycare facility for not more than twelve children.

## Enforcement Action

- ◆ Staff initiated 80K law suits regarding uncured violations of the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) against owners of the following properties: **106 Bartlett Street, 110 Howe Street, and 238 Lisbon Street**.
- ◆ In June, seven (7) solid waste civil penalties were issued and four (4) buildings were condemned via the IPMC

## PERMIT ACTIVITY

### JUNE 2017

- 65 building permits with a reported value of \$1,564,863 (one new single-family permitted)
  - 8 plumbing permits & 55 electrical permits
- A permit with a value of \$798,000 was issued for an expansion at Compounding Solutions located at 258 Goddard Road.

### JUNE 2016

- 83 building permits with a reported value of \$2,011,026
- 18 plumbing permits & 55 electrical permits

# Police

Chief Brian O'Malley

Calls For Service	JUNE 2017
Total CFS	3,585
Vehicle Stops	634
Citations	91
Written Warnings	158
Verbal Warnings	385
Adult Arrests	114
Juvenile Arrests	13
Criminal Summonses	46
Narcotics Arrests	6
OUI Arrests	6
Parking Tickets	638
Fireworks Violations	5

## RECRUITMENT

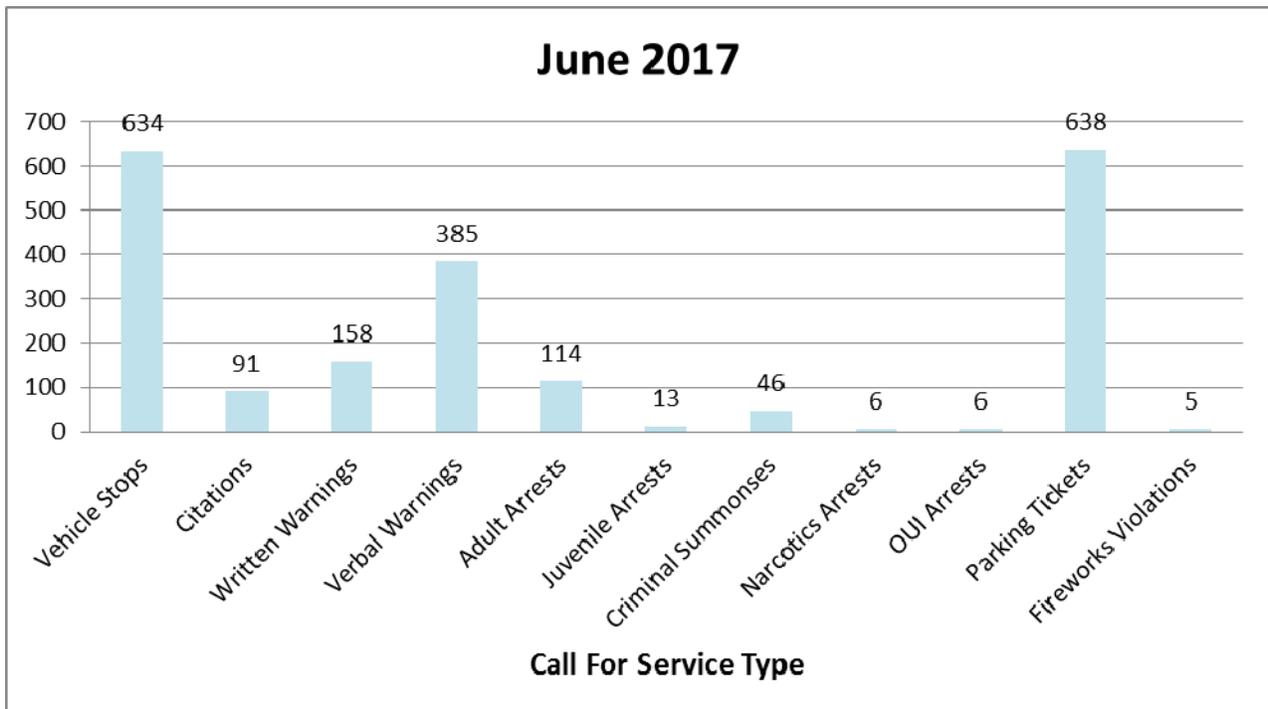
OFFICERS SPOKE WITH SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS REGARDING RECRUITMENT AND EMPLOYMENT IN THE MONTH OF JUNE.

## TRAINING

- SERGEANT CAMPBELL & OFFICER AVERY ATTENDED HAZMAT TRAINING
- OFFICER CHAMBERLAIN OBTAINED HIS BLOOD TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION
- SERGEANT R. ST. LAURENT & CORPORAL VIERLING INSTRUCTED BI-ANNUAL FIREARMS TRAINING AT THE RANGE; ALL SWORN PERSONNEL SUCCESS-FULLY QUALIFIED

## ENFORCEMENT

- THE RADAR TRAILER WAS DEPLOYED AT LINCOLN, WEBSTER & WARREN AVENUE. ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT OCCURRED AT COLLEGE STREET, EAST AVENUE, KING STREET & MONTELLO STREET
- OPERATION HOT SPOTS DETAIL IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, & FIREARMS (ATF)
- DISORDERLY PROPERTIES RESEARCHED & IMPLEMENTED



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### MEETINGS ATTENDED

- ◆ Masjidul Salaam Mosque
- ◆ Common Ties Board meeting
- ◆ New Mainer Community Collaborative
- ◆ Immigrant and Refugee Integration
- ◆ Lewiston-Auburn Alliance for Services to the Homeless (LAASH)
- ◆ Community Partnership for Protecting Children (CPPC)
- ◆ (Promise) Early Childhood Education Board meeting
- ◆ (Promise) Early Childhood Education Executive meeting
- ◆ World Refugee Day planning
- ◆ Androscoggin Collaborative
- ◆ Healthy Neighborhoods Planning Council

### PRESENTATIONS GIVEN

- ◆ POLICE ORIENTATION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF MAINE

### RIDE ALONG

OFFICERS CONDUCTED A VULNERABLE UNIT DETAIL IN WHICH A SUN JOURNAL REPORTER RODE ALONG.

#### **MAINE'S VULNERABLE USER LAW IS:**

“AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF VULNERABLE USERS IN TRAFFIC AND TO CLARIFY THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF BICYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS.”

### COMMUNITY RESOURCE TEAM

- ◇ COFFEE WITH A COP WAS HELD AT BLAKE STREET TOWERS
- ◇ ATTENDED A COOKOUT AT HILLVIEW AND A LUNCHEON AT MEADOWVIEW
- ◇ OFFICERS ATTENDED THE MASIJUDUL SALAAM MOSQUE'S EID CELEBRATION AND THE LEWISTON-AUBURN ISLAMIC CENTER'S EID CELEBRATION
- ◇ OFFICERS WERE PRESENT AT THE SAFE VOICES 5K EVENT WHERE CRIME ANALYST AMY BLAISDELL-PECHMANOVA' RAN THE 5K
- ◇ OFFICER PHILIPPON PLANNED AND ATTENDED THE WORLD REFUGEE DAY
- ◇ OFFICER MESERVE AND WEAVER CHAPERONED CHILDREN DURING A FIELD TRIP TO GRAY ANIMAL FARM
- ◇ OFFICER MESERVE WAS A CAMP LEADER FOR A WEEK AT CAMP POSTCARD (POLICE OFFICERS STRIVING TO CREATE AND REINFORCE DREAMS)

### **SPECIAL OLYMPICS**

- ◇ OFFICERS ATTENDED THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS SUMMER GAMES

### **LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN (LETR)**

POLICE AND CIVILIANS RAN IN THE TORCH RUN FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS, AND RANCOURT'S RUN WHICH ALSO BENEFITED SPECIAL OLYMPICS. RUNNERS INCLUDED: CHIEF O'MALLEY, DEPUTY CHIEF HIGGINS, LIEUTENANTS CORNELIO & ST. PIERRE, SERGEANTS CLIFFORD & D. ST. LAURENT, CORPORAL GRIFFIN, OFFICERS BURKHARDT, FECTEAU, JAMES, C. JOHNSON, AND D. MICHAUD, AND CIVILIANS SANDY BROWN AND AMY BLAISDELL-PECHMANOVA.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS



OFFICERS ATTENDED  
**LAW  
ENFORCEMENT  
APPRECIATION DAY**  
AT SIMARD PAYNE PARK

THE COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE TEAM  
ORGANIZED AND  
PRESENTED

### **OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT**

ONE OF MANY IN A  
SERIES OF MOVIES  
DURING THE SUMMER.

THE FIRST MOVIE  
PICTURED RIGHT WAS AT  
SIMARD PAYNE PARK.



# Public Works

Dave Jones, Director

## Director's Comments:

June was a rainy cool month and it sure doesn't feel much like summer yet! But the Department is well into construction season. Here is a summary of some of the work our folks did during the month:

### Street/Road & Sidewalk Improvement Projects

The Highway Division crews completed the following workload:

- ◆ Street sweeping continued with only a few side streets off Sabattus Street being left to finish in early July. We got a late start this year due to the winter snow and little to no spring;
- ◆ Our in-house paving crew addressed paving needs at 22 locations around the city;
- ◆ The catch basin vactor cleaned basins 20 days of the month;
- ◆ Storm drain, catch basin and manhole repairs were completed at seven locations;
- ◆ Graded gravel roads on Bradbury Rd, Old Chadbourne Rd, East Ave extension, and the Solid Waste Access Rd;
- ◆ Responded to 249 Dig-Safe requests for stormwater infrastructure as construction season is here;
- ◆ The traffic crew painted crosswalks on nine street intersections and replaced or installed four signs. The striping contractor did some center and edge line painting, but was rained out and will return the second week of July;
- ◆ Our open space crews performed ongoing daily maintenance for game fields, mowing and litter patrol in parks & cemeteries, and prepared the Kennedy Park pool for opening;
- ◆ The arborist crew planted numerous gardens around the city;
- ◆ Fencing, trash cans, tables and chairs were delivered for the Brew Fest event and World Refuge Day at Simard-Payne Park;

### Contracted projects status update:

- ◇ Surface paving was completed on Spruce, Scribner, College, Stetson, Hogan, and Randall with 3,551 tons of asphalt placed in June;
- ◇ The 2018 paving contract was awarded to Pike Industries with the bid price coming in more than \$400K below the original estimate, which will allow the City to address more streets needing paving;
- ◇ Scribner Circle – a 125 foot section had pavement removed to gravel and replaced at the intersection of Scribner Blvd due to irreparable alligator cracking. 2.5" of 12.5 mm HMA was installed after gravel was added and regraded;
- ◇ King Avenue – 1,317 feet of new slip-form concrete curb was installed and the sidewalk was removed and replaced; *(photo next pg.)*
- ◇ The crack sealing contract has been started by ProSeal of Waterville. Work on Pinewoods Road, Scribner Blvd, and Pleasant Street have been completed so far. Weather delayed the completion of the remaining streets which will be done as night work;
- ◇ Lisbon Street Resurfacing (Strawberry Patch to Chestnut St) – Design is nearing completion and is under review by MaineDOT. Construction is scheduled to be completed late summer 2017;
- ◇ Main Street - Frye Street Pedestrian Improvements – MaineDOT and the City signed an agreement to improve this location by sharing the costs 50/50. Design has begun and construction is expected summer 2017;
- ◇ The design of signal improvements at various locations has begun. This project will expand the Intelligent Transportation System to ten

additional signals in Lewiston, allowing for better signal coordination and functionality;

- ◇ Bartlett Street – Design work is complete. MaineDOT started negotiations with property owners to obtain temporary construction easements in June. They are still on schedule to have the ROW complete by September 5<sup>th</sup>. To keep the project in one construction season, we anticipate advertising late fall or winter for a spring/summer 2018 construction;



**King Ave Curb & Sidewalk**

- ◇ Beech Street Bridge - Design work to replace the bridge to Simard-Payne Park is underway by HNTB. A two lane pre-fab truss bridge is the recommended replacement option. The project is planned for construction in spring 2018;

- ◇ Bates Street Bus Loop Improvements – Contract was awarded to J Pratt Construction and the contractor completed the entire project in four days.



**Bates Street Bus Loop Improvements**

- ◇ Paradis Park Stairs - The new concrete stairs at Paradis Park were completed. Unfortunately, ongoing vandalism of the concrete has been a problem since the stairs were installed.



**Stairs at Paradis Park**

## **Water, Sewer & Stormwater**

- **Vale Street Neighborhood CSO project** – ETTI has completed the installation of the new storm drain for the Vale Neighborhood CSO project. The contractor has begun paving the trench and cleaning up the site;
- **Frye Street / Mountain Ave CSO Separation & Water Main Replacement** - Design

is underway and will be bid in the summer of 2017;

- **Simard Neighborhood CSO Project** - Engineering is almost complete with the design of a new storm drain on Simard Ave and Albert Street that will separate the storm water from the sewer. This project will be advertised for construction in the beginning of July;
- **North Lisbon Road Storm Drain** - This project is still awaiting start up by the contractor, Longchamps and Sons, but will begin in July;
- **Hart Brook Water Quality Restoration - Webster Street Stormwater Treatment System:** Construction of the underground stormwater storage and treatment chambers began on June 27th and is expected to take one month to complete. The system provides stormwater storage and treatment from approximately 52 acres of drainage area in the Hart Brook Watershed. *(see photo below)*



**Webster St Stormwater Treatment**

**Hart Brook Water Quality Testing:** A Task Order was signed with CES, Inc. to continue water quality testing and update the WMP that is almost ten years old.

- **Westminster Street Culvert Replacement** - L.P. Poirier and Son Construction is scheduled to begin the project July 15th. The School Department is paying the full cost of the culvert replacement as part of wetland

mitigation for the new elementary school.

- **Sanitary Sewer Condition Assessment and Asset Management Program** - Ted Berry project continues with ongoing heavy amounts of cleaning, and we continue to find pipe in rough shape;
- **Cure-in-place Sewer Lining** - Insituform completed the lining of the Franklin Pasture cross-country sewer;
- **Sabattus Street Sewer** - The Engineering Division began work to replace approximately 650 LF of 12" and 15" sewer on Sabattus Street between Eaton Street and Bradford Street. This section of sewer was identified from the sewer inspection program as being in poor condition due to sags and cracked/broken pipe. The project is on hold to investigate other sewer pipe repairs to add to the project to make it more attractive for bidders;
- **Hart Brook Erosion Repair** - The City received all necessary NRPA and Army Corps environmental permits to repair erosion problems in Hart Brook near Goddard Road. The project was coordinated with the Maine Turnpike and was awarded to St. Laurent & Son. Work will be completed in July of 2017 as required by the permits;
- **Brault, Belleview & Blanchette Street Water Main** - The project replaced the 60-year-old 6" cast iron water mains on these streets with a new 8" pipe. The project is wrapping up construction with paving and cleanup in early July;
- **Jepson Brook Channel Rehab**—CDM Smith has completed the survey and has begun design work for rehabilitation of the concrete-lined Jepson Brook channel between Mannaing Ave and Brooks Ave. This includes concrete repair/replacement and sediment removal. Construction is planned for late summer;
- **Water Transmission Main** - CDM Smith is working on a preliminary design for a second river crossing for a water transmission main between Center Street and the Main Street Pump Station. This phase of design work will take nine months to complete and construction is several years away;

- **Mountain Avenue Water Line** - This project will replace the 1896 water main on Mountain Avenue from College Street to Main Street along with some sewer separation work, rehab and paving of the entire street, new curb and new sidewalks. This project has been advertised for bids and is scheduled to begin construction in August;
- **Old Lisbon Road Water Line** - Engineering is finishing design work to replace 3,200 feet of 1930 era water main along with reconstruction of the street from Old Webster Road to the Maine Turnpike. Bids will be advertised soon and construction is scheduled for late summer;

**Work performed by the Water/Sewer crews included:**

- Crews responded to three main leaks and one service leak. One of the main breaks was on Lisbon St near East Ave (*photo-right*);
- Crews responded to 197 Dig-Safe requests;
- Crews responded to 24 customer service calls;
- Crews completed a number of repairs to sewer pipes and installed new manholes for future TV inspections and sewer lining projects;
- Crews completed raising 33 manholes and 31 water gate boxes for the MaineDOT paving project on Sabattus St (Randall Rd to Golder Rd);
- Crews continued to replace and repair manholes due to age or depressions in the roadway or cracks in the pavement causing the covers to come loose;
- Crews continued to flush and inspect sewer lines as part of the sewer cleaning program;
- Crews continued to change out and test water meters due to age & PUC guidance;
- Hydrant flushing is now under way to clean water mains and keep chlorine residuals up;
- Crews continue to provide support for all the contractors working on City jobs;
- Crews have also been providing support for

all the contractors working on the Franklin Pasture new school project and installed a deep manhole to allow reinforcing the pipe that will be buried deep under the planned new turf fields (photos below);

- Crews have been busy cutting lawns for utility and watershed properties.



**Lisbon St Water Main Leak**



**Franklin Pasture Manhole**



## Solid Waste

- ◇ The 2016 Landfill Environmental Monitoring Report was delivered to Maine DEP for review. Maine DEP regulatory staff has noted the changes in groundwater conditions at monitoring wells MW-12 & MW-103. Maine DEP is recommending a change to assessment monitoring (from the current monitoring program) for these two wells if groundwater conditions do not improve.
- ◇ The annual application of herbicide to areas of the Solid Waste Facility – storm water detention pond, inactive sections of the secure landfill, & storm water drainage swales was completed.
- ◇ Sections of unpaved access road that were slightly eroded due to recent storm events were graded by the Highway Division.
- ◇ Quarterly stormwater monitoring samples were collected and evaluated. The monitoring results were below regulatory thresholds.
- ◇ Solid Waste worker, Bob Belanger, received his Manager of Landfill Operations certification from the Solid Waste Association of North America. This fulfills a Maine DEP regulatory criteria for landfill operations. Well done Bob!!
- ◇ Lewiston's rate for recycling single stream recyclable waste for June 2017 –
  - Lewiston Public Schools – 7%
  - Residential collection & single stream recyclables brought to the Solid Waste Facility – 10%
  - Commercial & residential single stream recyclable waste collection – 21%

## RECREATION DIVISION

### June Events:

#### Lewiston Middle School graduation

Eighth-grade promotion ceremony was held on Tuesday, June 20th. This event was standing-room only.

#### Wednesday in the Park

Mad Science ramped it up on June 28th at the Armory! (*pictured below*)



Mad Science!!



### Recreation Programs!

#### LACROSSE!

Lacrosse has wrapped up; 152 children participated this season. Twelve volunteer coaches made this activity possible—Thank you!



## Spring Track

Spring track has ended...but don't despair! Summer Track and Field is happening and may still have openings!



## Lewiston Sparks Tumbling

Coach Lakota and her tumblers finished up on June 20th. **There will be a summer stunt clinic for cheerleaders in August!**

## LEWY'S TINY TRI!

See the details on the next page and **SIGN UP** soon for this fun-filled event!



## LEWISTON SPARKS

**WHEN:** Tues - Thurs, August 15th - 17th

**WHERE:** Lewiston Armory, Gym  
65 Central Ave

**AGE GROUP:**

- Kindergarten - 6th Grade

**TIME:**

- 5:30pm-7:00pm

*Please enter through the Central Ave Lobby*



## STUNT CLINIC!!

Cost: **\$25**

**Already A Lewiston Spark?? check your e-mail for a \$5 off coupon code for the cheer clinic!!**

Want to build your stunting skills before the season? Join sparks stunting clinic with coach Lakota!



Save time and register with our new **ONLINE REGISTRATION!!!**



[www.lewistonrecreation.com](http://www.lewistonrecreation.com)

65 Central Ave. Phone: 202-613-3009 Office Hours: 8:00am - 4:30pm (36-7)

Lewy challenges you to complete his TRIATHLON...  
his TINY TRIATHLON!



RIDE

1/4  
Mile



DASH

1/10  
Mile



SPLASH

Just a  
lil' bit

LEWY'S  
TINY  
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**Saturday, August 26**

Kennedy Park, Park Street, Lewiston

Open to all athletes **6 and under**

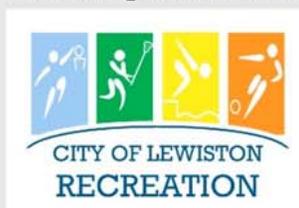
*Check-in 9-10AM*

*Event from 9:30-11AM, with groups starting every 5 minutes*

**\$10** if preregister by August 23, \$15 after August 23

*Includes medal and a shirt for all who preregister*

This extremely modified triathlon course will take your child on a 1/4 mile bike ride, followed by a 1/10 mile dash through the playground and then finish with a splash through the Kennedy Park Splash Pad.



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## Summer Day Camp - Smiles in full swing!



### Tennis!

It's not too late to register for all levels of tennis. Summer adult leagues, junior team tennis and five levels of instructional tennis are available!



# SUMMER TENNIS

Rally, serve, and swing with Lewiston Recreation Youth Tennis Program! If you have never played or are an experienced player we have the right program for you. We have a progression level model that will place players in the right skill level so they will always find success on the court.

Program	Age Range	Days	Time	Cost	Description
Level 1 Red Ball	5-7	Tue & Thu	8:15am-9:00am	\$40 L/A Res \$60 Non Res	Shortened court and low bouncing balls makes it ideal for learning the FUNDamentals
Level 2 Red Ball	7-9	Tue & Thu	9:00am-10:00am	\$50 L/A Res \$70 Non Res	Shortened court and low bouncing balls makes it ideal for learning the FUNDamentals
Level 3 Orange Ball	9-11	Tue & Thu	10:00am-11:00am	\$50 L/A Res \$70 Non Res	Medium size court and moderate bouncing balls will improve your tennis game
Level 4 Green Ball	10-13	Mon & Wed	8:30am-9:30am	\$50 L/A Res \$70 Non Res	Full size court with a higher bouncing ball will get you managing a full size court
Level 5 Yellow Ball	13+	Mon & Wed	9:30am-11:00am	\$50 L/A Res \$60 Non Res	Full size court and the highest bouncing ball for the advanced player

Save time and register with our new  
**ONLINE REGISTRATION!!!**



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### A BLAST FROM THE PAST Soldiers practicing, circa 1930?



Check out our website for  
easy online registration and payment!

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WHERE THE FUN IS!

# Wellness Information & Updates

## Friday Fitness Winners

### ⇒ Personal Training Packages

Paul Fournier & Ken Priest

### ⇒ Y-Swim Punch Pass

Dave St. Pierre & James Theiss

### ⇒ Nutritionist Counseling Package

Tom Murphy & Adam West

### ⇒ Y-Fitness Punch Pass

Lincoln Jeffers & Phil Brienza, Sr.



2017  
**STEP IT UP**  
WALKING PROGRAM

Wellness is pleased to announce our new STEP IT UP walking program  
Here is how the program works:  
12-week program beginning July 10<sup>th</sup> and ending September 29<sup>th</sup>.  
Every week participants will take a pic or screen shot of their total steps for the week and submit them.  
If you want to participate and do not have a fitness tracker, no worries...wellness will provide you with one!

You can sign up for one of the two groups:  
Beginner: Up to 60,000 steps a week  
Experienced: Over 60,000 steps a week

- This program will count steps, not miles or minutes
- There will be occasional group walks at lunch time for those who wish to join
- Weekly drawings for all those who submit a log
- You will be provided a graph each month of your progress
- Week will begin on Monday and end on Sunday
- Logs will be due by Tuesday morning to be eligible for weekly drawing

At the end of the 12 week period, all those who submitted a log for each week will be eligible for the grand prize drawing. There will be two grand prizes, one for each step group.

To Sign up: E-mail Sandy @ [sbrown@lewistonmaine.gov](mailto:sbrown@lewistonmaine.gov), or Amy @ [ablaisdell-pechmanova@lewistonmaine.gov](mailto:ablaisdell-pechmanova@lewistonmaine.gov)



- Sign up by Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> @ 3 pm
- Let us know if you need a fitness tracker
- Let us know which group you want to join – Beginner or Experienced

## Summer Nutrition

