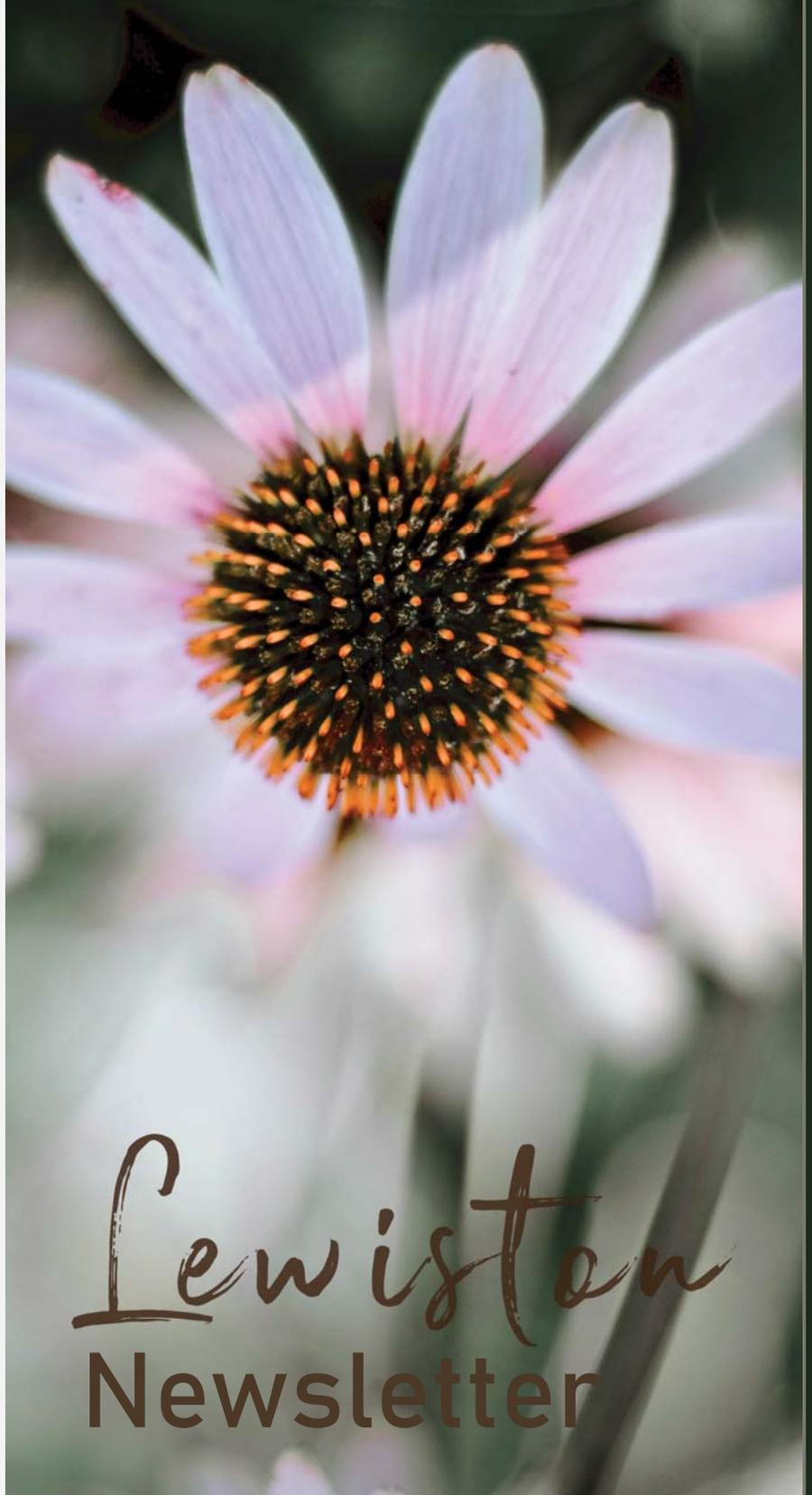


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Lewiston
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Items of Interest

「JULY 4」



JULY is - Holidays - Celebrations - Summer Fun



Items of Interest - Moose on the Loose!

Lewiston had an unexpected visitor the morning of July 19

LEWISTON — A motorist on her way to work found herself behind a moose heading into the city. Kathryn Foley posted a video about 5 a.m. showing a moose running on Route 202 as the Longley Bridge became Main Street. Then without using “his blinkah,” the moose took a right turn onto Lincoln Street.

Foley, whose Facebook profile says she is a respiratory therapist at Central Maine Medical Center, wrote “I’m going to file this one under ‘Cool Things That Happen On My Way To Work.’”



Later Friday, a moose was seen in the parking lot between Connors Elementary School and Lewiston High School.



City Administrator

COUNCIL CONSIDERS CITY REGULATION OF MARIJUANA BUSINESSES

Over the summer, the City Council began considering how Lewiston will approach adult-use (recreational) marijuana businesses. (Note that this is a separate issue from medical use of marijuana where the City has only limited regulatory authority over caregivers.) Under state law, such businesses cannot be established in a community without the City Council adopting an ordinance that specifically authorizes them.

Lewiston could decide not to allow adult use businesses or could allow them but regulate them including limiting the type, number, and location of establishments, impose performance standards on them, and require licenses and fees. These regulations can govern cultivation facilities, manufacturing facilities, testing facilities, and retail stores.

The Planning Office is recommending that medical and adult use businesses be subject to the same zoning requirements. Districts where the City permits industrial and light industrial uses would allow marijuana cultivation, manufacturing, testing, nurseries, and dispensaries. Marijuana stores would be allowed in districts that permit retail uses, with the exception of the downtown residential and neighborhood conservation B districts, which are primarily residential districts.

Some possible additional limitations on such businesses are also under consideration. These include:

- A 750 foot exclusion zone around pre-existing schools and public parks, playgrounds, and recreational facilities owned by the City;
- Prohibiting more than three marijuana stores and dispensaries from being located within 500 feet of each other;
- Prohibiting marijuana businesses from having drive-through pick up facilities and recreational marijuana businesses from providing home delivery services;
- Requiring that marijuana businesses be located at least 300 feet from residential dwelling units, measure from front door to front door along the normal course of travel;
- Requiring that all marijuana be grown in-doors, including marijuana for medical or personal use purposes;
- Ensuring that all odors remain confined to the premises and are not detectable off-site.

Note that existing medical marijuana businesses, including retail stores, legally in existence at the time these new regulations take effect but which do not meet this new requirements will be allowed to continue to operate as they currently do.

The City recognizes that regulating these new businesses will be a challenge, and that numerous questions will need to be answered. It is likely, however, that the City Council will take action on this subject this fall, and I urge those who are interested or concerned to become involved in this process as it moves forward.

Economic & Community Development

I want to start a business in Lewiston! Where do I begin!

I want to grow my current business! Can the City help? **Yes we can.**

The Economic and Community Development Department (ECDD) is always thrilled to receive calls and email from new and existing businesses. We are happy to help with many aspects of the business planning process, including:

- ◆ **Connections to Small Business Advisors**
- ◆ **Connection to Workforce Partners**
- ◆ **Site Selection**
- ◆ **Gap Funding**
- ◆ **Navigate City regulatory process to include: *Licensing, Permitting, and Zoning***

The following pages will describe our updated business assistance program!

For more information on how we can help, contact the ECDD today!

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Microenterprise Loan Program

The Microenterprise Loan program is designed to support entrepreneurs, help existing businesses build capacity, develop business in the target area, and increase the tax base. The owner must be in a low-moderate income category or employ 1-5 low-moderate income persons. Eligible activities can include financial start-up support such as: equipment, initial product, working capital, rehabilitation of space to ready for business; general owner support such as: transportation, child care, counseling, peer support; technical assistance; or training to increase capacity. \$15,000 at 1% interest over 5 years. May be deferred on a case-by-case basis. 3:1 match.



Business Assistance
Programs

Economic Development Loan Program

The Economic Development Loan Program is designed to support business in the target area (census tracts 201-204), increase jobs and services for low-to moderate income persons, and increase the tax base. Eligible activities can include acquisition, furniture and fixtures, working capital, interior construction to address code violations, machinery, and equipment upgrades. The business must either provide jobs to low-moderate income individuals or provide services to at least 51% low-moderate income individuals. Up to \$50,000 at 5% for 10 years. 1:1 match.



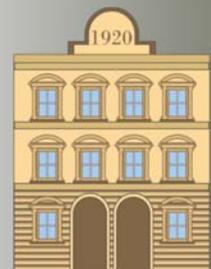
Residential Rehabilitation for Mixed-Use Properties



This program assists property owners seeking to redevelop underutilized upper floors of mixed-use buildings to create housing. The property must be located in Census Tracts 201, 202, 203, and 204. At least 51% of the new units must be affordable, although there may be some exceptions in the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area comprised of Census Tracts 201, 203, and 204. Terms are dependent on type of units to be produced.

Façade Improvement for Historic Preservation

The Façade Improvement for Historic Preservation allows property owners to redevelop mixed-use properties for commercial and residential purposes and reduce blight. Rehabilitation is limited to the extent necessary to eliminate a specific condition detrimental to public health and safety. Eligible activities can include: architectural design, exterior renovations including entryway, exterior lighting, signage, window repair/replacement, masonry, repointing, painting, awnings, and roof replacement/repairs related to structural improvements to hold façade in place. Applicant must provide documentation that structure is listed or eligible to be listed on National Register of Historic Places, listed on a state or local inventory of historic places, or designated as a state or local landmark or contributing structure. Up to \$35,000. 1:1 match.



Business Assistance
Programs

Façade Improvement for Commercial Buildings



The Façade Improvement for Commercial Buildings program will enhance the appearance of the commercial area, encourage private investment in storefronts, and assist business owners with rehabilitating storefronts.

Eligible activities can include exterior renovations including entryway, exterior lighting, signage, window repair/replacement, masonry, repointing, painting, and awnings. The applicant must either own the building or have written permission from the owner to make changes to the façade. Funding is limited only to commercial portions of the building. Up to \$35,000. 1:1 match. Deferred loan payable upon sale of building or transfer of ownership.

The City of Lewiston's commercial programs are supported through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. In order to meet minimum eligibility requirements, the project must have a funding gap which conventional financing institutions will not cover. The project must also meet one of three national objectives: benefit to low-mod income households, elimination of slums and blight, or urgent need (such as recovery efforts after natural disasters).

To find out if your project qualifies, contact Heidi McCarthy, Economic Development Specialist at (207) 513-3126 ext. 3276 or hmccarthy@lewistonmaine.gov.



Planning & Code Enforcement

Planning Board Activity

At the Planning board meeting of July 8th, the Board took the following actions:

- ⇒ Approval of the application submitted by Sebago Technics, Inc. on behalf of the city of Lewiston to construct a 9,192 SF fire station located at 55 North Temple Street.
- ⇒ Approval of the application submitted by Terradyn Consultants, LLC, on behalf of Chase Custom Family Homes and Finance to construct a 14 lot cluster, single-family subdivision located at 161 Hogan Road (rear)
- ⇒ Sent a favorable recommendation to the City Council for acquisition in the form of a donation of 57 Knox Street.
- ⇒ Sent a favorable recommendation to the City Council for the acquisition in the form of a donation of 31 Goodale Street.



Permit Activity - July 2019

68 building permits with a reported value of \$1,005,362

49 electrical permits

16 plumbing permits

Commercial projects over \$250,000: Deditch Realty, 88 Commercial Street, 5,500 SF renovation of warehouse space into office/multipurpose space. \$270,000

One new single-family home at 750 Hillcrest Avenue

Permit Activity - July 2018

88 building permits with a reported value of \$4,225,590

44 electrical permits

17 plumbing permits

Planning Board Activity *continued*

At the Planning Board Meeting of July 22, the Board took the following actions:

- ⇒ Approval of a conditional use application, submitted by Lewiston-Auburn to construct a 180' tall communication tower to be located at 420 River Road.
- ⇒ Approval of a di minimis amendment to Sheridan Terrace Subdivision, lots 32-34.

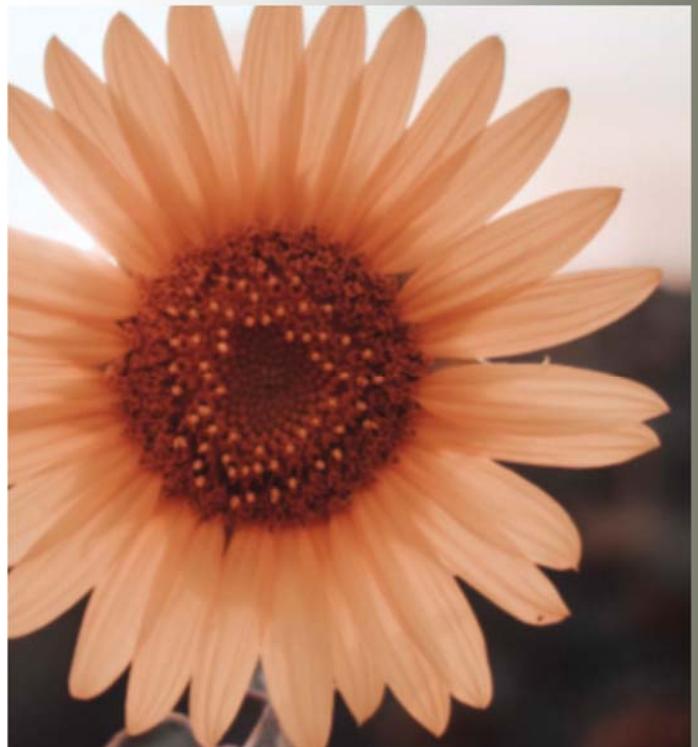
Historic Preservation Review Board

At the July 18th meeting, the Board granted a Certificate of Appropriateness to Joseph Dunn of Sultan Corporation for railing replacement destroyed by tenants at 192 Bates Street.

Enforcement Action

- 49 notice of violations were issued
- 6 citations were issued
- 1 solid waste civil penalty was issued

JULY
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Police



Stats

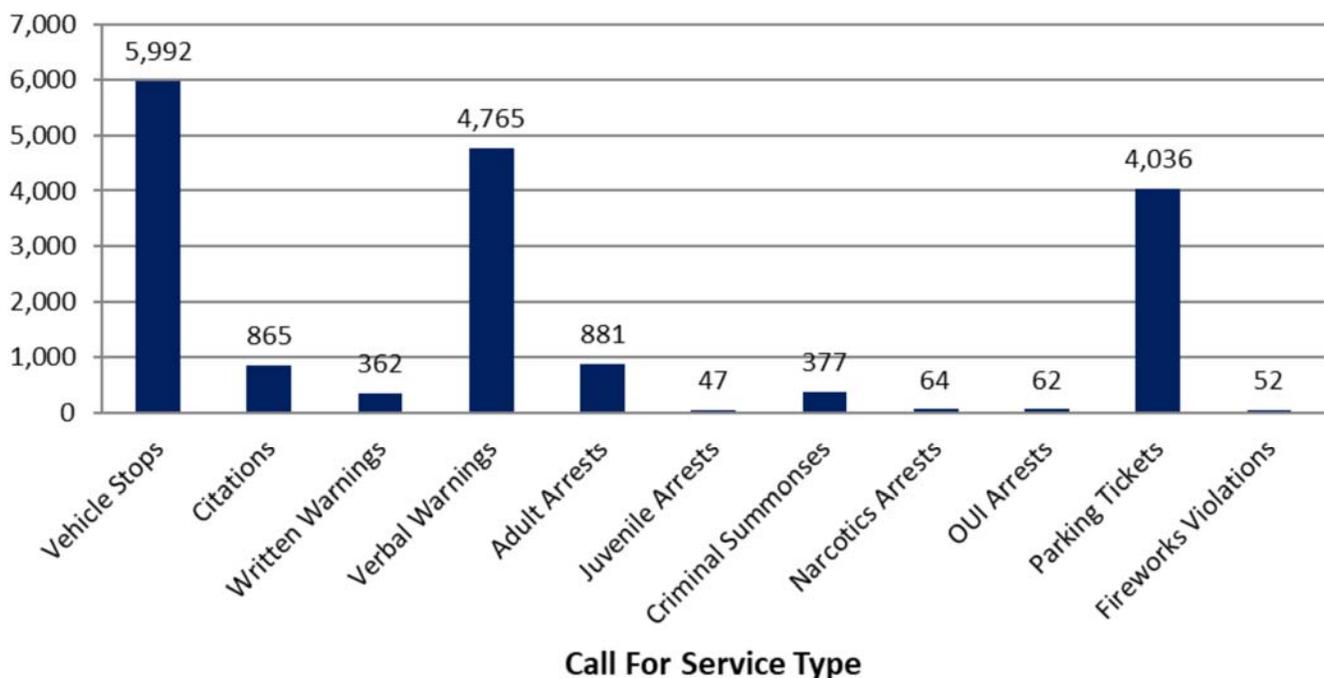
There were a total of 3,991 Calls for Service (CFS) that officers responded to in the month of July. Data, and Year-to-Date data is outlined below.

Calls For Service	July 2019
Total CFS	3,991
Vehicle Stops	736
Citations	80
Written Warnings	41
Verbal Warnings	615
Adult Arrests	121
Juvenile Arrests	9
Criminal Summonses	55
Narcotics Arrests	8
OUI Arrests	8
Parking Tickets	502
Fireworks Violations	38

Enforcement

- ♦ Traffic enforcement with radar trailers deployed at various locations around the city.
- ♦ Sex offender notifications were distributed
- ♦ HOT SPOTS details resulted in 30 motor vehicle stops, 15 probation checks, and 7 arrests. Also, a large quantity of illegal narcotics were seized to include: 2.5 grams of Crack Cocaine, 10 grams of Heroin, and 6 Suboxone strips

YTD: January - July 2019



Community Events

Meetings Attended

- Masijudul Salaam Mosque
- Common Ties Board Meeting
- New Mainer Community Collaborative
- Executive Androscoggin Community Collaborative
- 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 Committee Meeting
- Healthy Neighborhoods Planning Council
- Healthy Neighborhoods Community Engagement
- Healthy Neighborhoods Ethnic Community Outreach
- COMMUNITY Law Enforcement Steering Committee Meeting
- COMMUNITY Law Enforcement Subcommittee Meeting
- World Refugee Day Planning
- Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce Business Advisory Committee
- Bates College Students' Meeting
- Bates College Dean's Office Meeting
- Bates College Off-Campus Housing Meeting
- Rental Registration Subcommittee Meeting
- Healthy Neighborhoods Mini-Grant Review
- Androscoggin Collaborative Retreat Planning
- Stand Against Racism Planning
- Poverty Awareness Subcommittee Meeting
- Lewiston Downtown Association Meeting
- Pettingill Park Association

Recruitment

Officers continue to speak with individuals regarding employment.

Touch a Truck events at Promise Early Education Center and Pathway Vineyard were attended by Officer Philippon



Opioid Prevention Initiative Luncheon was attended by Sergeant Conley.

PROJECT SUPPORT YOU efforts continue by Officer Philippon.

Active Shooter Tabletop Exercises Debriefing was facilitated by Officer Weaver.



Officer Philippon spoke about theft and bullying. He also discussed safety at Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice.

Community Day at Pathway Vineyard was attended by Sergeant Conley and Officer Weaver.

CSI~ A Crime Scene Investigation Class was held, officer Philippon and Maine State Police troopers instructed the class at the A-L Boys & Girls Club.



An eyeglasses clinic was organized by Officer Philippon.

Summer Fun & Films - Outdoor Movie Nights featured CAPTAIN MARVAL at Pettingill School Park and INCREDIBLES 2 at Drouin Field

Public Works

Engineering

Jefferson/Bradley Sidewalk Reconstruction

The contractor has completed all work included in the Jefferson/Bradley Sidewalk Reconstruction project, which included over 2,500 linear feet of new granite curb and bituminous sidewalk, as well as a resurfacing of both streets between Sabattus Street and Ash Street. The project looks great.

Boston-Noble-Moody Water/Road Rehabilitation

The contractor has completed installation of over 2,300 linear feet of new water main and laid base pavement on Boston Avenue, Noble Street, Moody Street, and the dead end portion of Burbank Street. Remaining work includes a surface layer of pavement on both the street and driveway aprons, as well as loaming and seeding of affected lawn areas.

Sabattus Street Water Main

Phase 4- A project to replace 3,500 feet of 12-inch water main on Sabattus Street between Golder Road and Fox Run Drive has been mostly completed by St. Laurent and Son. Due to favorable prices and some innovative cost savings by the contractor, Phase 5 which continues 2,350' to Bradbury Road has been added to St. Laurent's contract and will begin in August. This additional work will be done at least a year early and will help with water quality and reliability of this important segment.

Paving

The following streets were resurfaced in July: Myrtle, Jenkins, Helen, Stillman, Boston, Noble, Moody, South Lisbon, Old Lisbon, June, Hillcrest, Primrose, and Alfred Plourde Parkway. The weather is has been very favorable for the street paving program this summer.

Buildings

The bid for Repairs to the Canal Street Parking Garage has been awarded to Knowles Industrial Services and approved by the finance committee at the June 24th meeting. Work is scheduled to start late fall and be completed by July 2020.

Mold remediation at the Central Fire Station has been completed and we are in the process of replacing the affected materials like pipe insulation, ceiling tiles, and drywall. Anticipated completion is the end of September.

Custodial services bids (for all City buildings) have been awarded and approved by the finance committee at the May 20th meeting. Bert Gosselin's Maintenance Service will maintain City Hall, the Police Department, the Public Works complex and the Violations Building. Casco Bay Cleaning Services will maintain the Public Library, the Solid Waste facility, the Operations Center and the Armory.

Annual David Payne Memorial Run



Several sworn and civilian personnel ran and / or volunteered in the annual David Payne Memorial Run. Runners included: Chief O'Malley; Sergeant D. St. Laurent; Corporal J. Johnson; Officers Avery, Burkhardt, Cloutier, Fecteau, Markellos, and D. Michaud; Civil Process Server Joseph Bradeen; and Crime Analyst Amy Blaisdell-Pechmanová. The run was escorted by: Sergeant Conley and officers Caouette, Philippon, and Weaver.



Recreation Division
Camp Smiles



TENNIS



Lewiston Sparks Cheer Camp

Competition Cheering



Lewiston Sparks Competition Cheering

September 10th - March 29th

\$120-\$150 FEE

\$135-\$165 after August 30th

Price Includes Uniform!

Grades Pre-K to 6th

Three Age Levels Available

Registration Deadline:

September 6th

Register by July 26th to save \$20!

More details on practice dates and times can be found on our website.

#Find Your Passion

To Register, head over to lewistonrecreation.com and click "Online Registration" link or give us a call at (207)-513-3005.

Office is open Monday thru Friday between 8:00am - 4:30PM

LEWISTON SPARKS

Field Hockey



Fall Sports

YOUTH FIELD HOCKEY

September 4th - October 9th

\$40-\$50 FEE

\$55-\$65 after August 26th

Price Includes T-Shirt!

Grades Pre-K to 6th

Two Grade Levels Available

Registration Deadline:
September 2nd

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CITY OF LEWISTON
RECREATION

FALL SOCCER

September 2nd - October 19th

\$40-\$50 FEE

\$55-\$65 after August 23th

Price Includes T-Shirt!

Ages 3 - 12

Five Age Divisions Available

Registration Deadline:
August 30th

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Youth Volleyball

September 24th - November 1st
(Tuesdays & Fridays)

\$40 FEE

T-Shirt is included!
\$55 after Sept. 13th

2 Grade levels available:
5th thru 8th
9th thru 12th

Registration Deadline:
September 20th

#FindYourPassion

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CITY OF LEWISTON RECREATION

Partnering up with
MAINE JUNIORS
mainejuniors.org

Have fun playing, - Recreation
is where the fun is!



GA Assisted Summary
Client Characteristics
 (more than one category
 may apply per applicant)

Asylum Pending	29
Deceased	4
Able-bodied Adult	2
Employed	8
Food Stamp Recipients	43
G.E.D.	3
Immigration Interview	5
Mental Health	17
Parolee	1
Refugee	2
SSI Pending	17
SSI Recipient	2
TANF Recipient	3
TANF 60 Months	2

Social Services

Just the Facts

A total of \$29345.68 was expended in General Assistance in the month of July. \$20,541.98 in reimbursement was requested from the State at 70% of the total expenditures.

Housing Expenditures	\$22,251.00
Temporary Shelter	\$0.00
Utilities	\$519.70
Fuel –Heat/all types	\$0.00
Food	\$1,044.58
Personal Items	\$476.98
Burials	\$1,995.83
Diapers/Baby Supplies	\$57.59
Medications -	\$0.00
Medical Services	\$0.00

WORKFARE PROGRAM STATISTICS

**Cases: 26, Hours Completed: 943,
 Individuals: 52, Dollar Value: \$10,373**

An educational overview, understanding, and confirmation of understanding, on sexual harassment have been added to the work agreement forms and are signed for all workfare referrals. An introduction to the understanding of the behaviors and laws regarding sexual harassment is required before attending a workfare site.

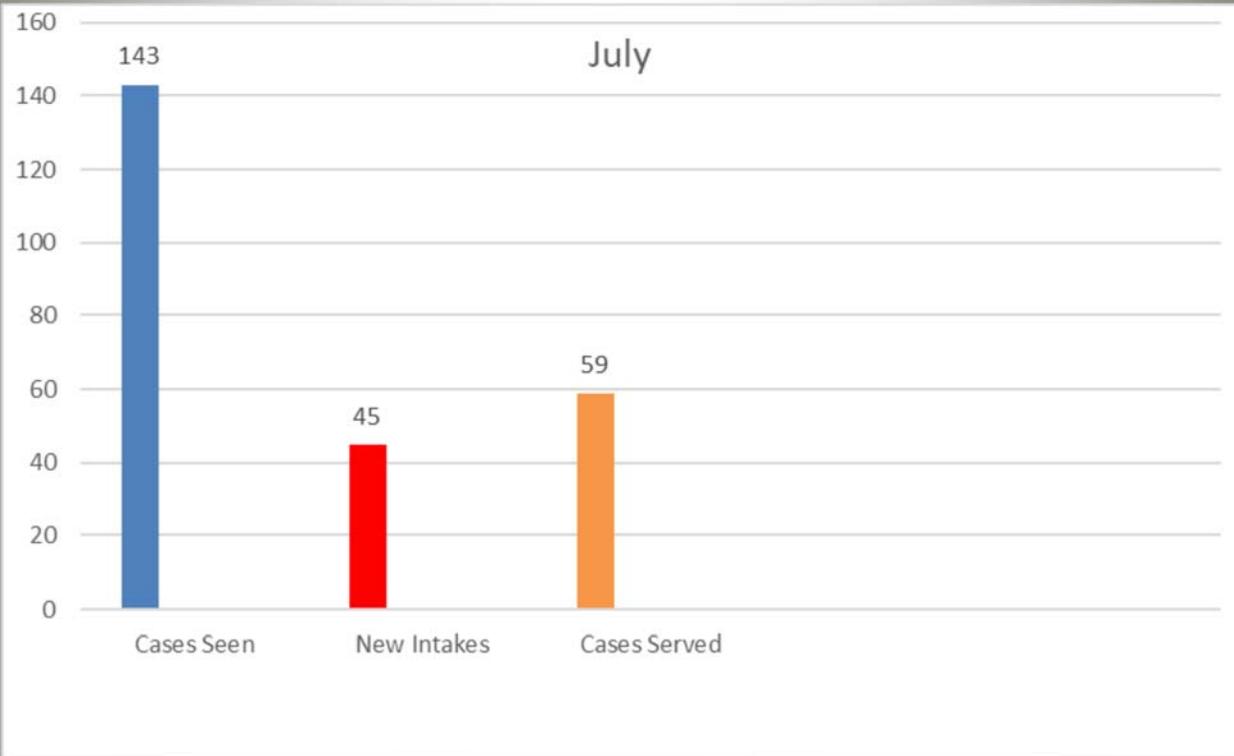


VISAS & LEGAL STATUS

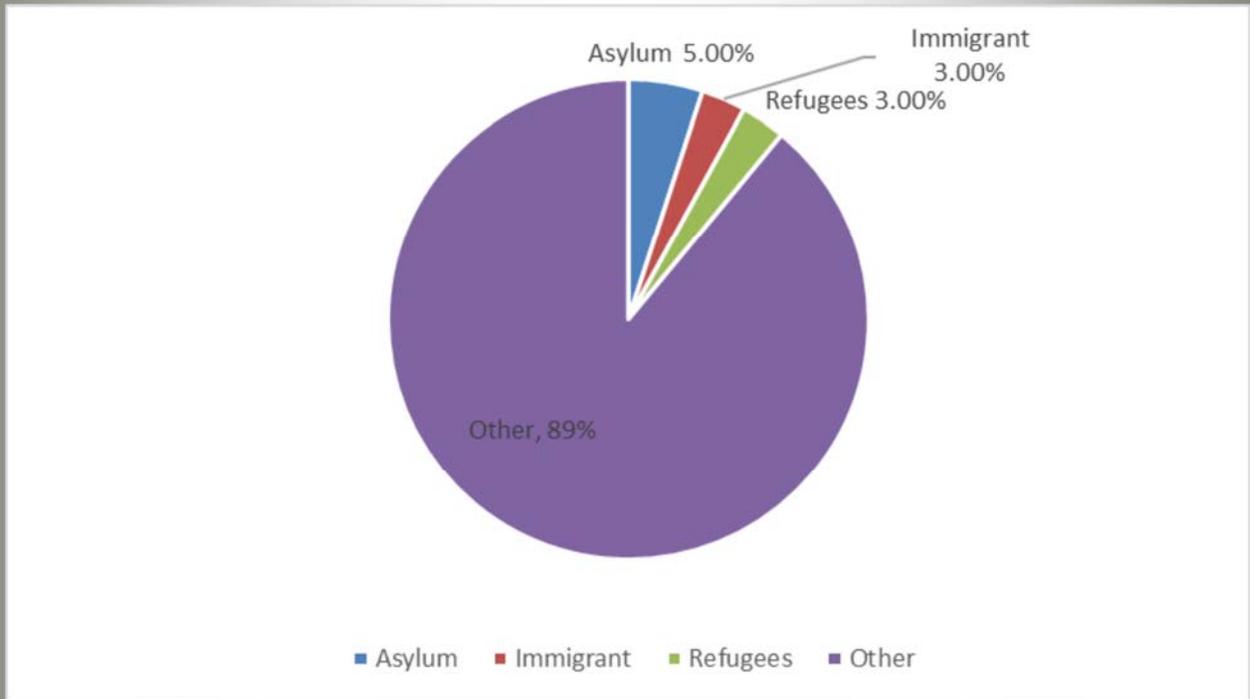
B-2 was the type of Visas seen in the month of July.

The B-2 visitor Visa is a nonimmigrant Visa for persons who want to enter the United States temporarily for tourism (Visa category B-2).

These households usually file an asylum application prior to the expiration date (194) on their Visa.



Cases Seen 143; New Intakes 45; Cases Served 59



Summary of cases Served:

Angola: 19 Congo :3 Somalia :2 Djibouti :1 Sudan :1 Chad :1 US :32

Asylum intakes: (5) Immigrant & (3) Refugee

FRAUD CASES & REIMBURSEMENT MONIES

General Assistance clients who commit fraud- by attempting to receive GA or that receive GA fraudulently are disqualified from receiving any GA funds throughout the state for 120 days. All cases are reported to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and may be disqualified from receiving Food Stamps for the 120 disqualification period. Cases that have already received GA fraudulently are reported to DHHS and to the Lewiston Police Department for potential prosecution.

Individuals who are disqualified for fraud are required to reimburse the amount of General Assistance received which they were not entitled to receive.

Reimbursements from retroactive SSI awards, Workers Compensation settlements, and other sources are actively pursued and tracked, resulting in decreased GA expenditures.



WORKSHOPS & EMPLOYMENT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Renters' Educational Workshops are held the third week of each month. The maximum for each class is 8 applicants per workshop. A translator is available to facilitate in Portuguese and French. The workshop has been well received and the information provided is sometimes heard for the first time.

The workshop educates renters of the dangers of lead paint, radon, security deposits, leases, at-will agreements, renter's rights & responsibilities, landlord rights and responsibilities, and giving appropriate notice to your landlord. Informational handouts from Pine Tree Legal and workshops are formatted in English & translated in Portuguese and French respectively.

HOMELESS STATISTICS BETWEEN 1/1/19 to 7/31/19 Social Services has seen 109 homeless cases; consisting of a total of 163 individuals & 37 children.



The ongoing homeless initiative and tireless work by the LAASH committee members, continues to discover new solutions for the homeless population in Lewiston. One of their goals is to put a system in place to accurately track the number of homeless individuals and families in this area. A focus group has been formed and includes concerned members of local organizations, churches, and community members, to gain resources and partnerships to tackle the homeless problem in Lewiston.

With the temperatures dropping as winter approaches, it is becoming imperative to open a warming shelter that operates at night to shelter homeless individuals that are on the street and exposed to the elements. There currently are 8 shelters for the homeless in the Lewiston-Auburn area. Four are operated by local church organizations, one is a shelter for domestic violence and sex trafficking victims, one shelter services youth ages 18-21 and there is one day shelter that acts as a resource and day time warming center located at 247 Bates Street in Lewiston. The hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Hot meals, a food pantry, and other resources are available. Shelter resource lists are available at the General Assistance office upon request.