

# City of Lewiston

**AUGUST 2014** City Administrator's Report



## 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

The annual NATIONAL NIGHT OUT, supported and funded by the Lewiston Police Athletic League, was held on August 5, 2014.



The purpose of the free “meet your neighbor” event at Marcotte Park, Lewiston, was to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and to send a strong message that neighborhoods are united.

The event consisted of numerous activities and entertainment including tunes by The Music Connection; food provided/grilled by Wal-mart employees; Mr. Drew & His Animals Too; multi-department municipal vehicles for children to enjoy; community informational booths; face painting & bead making; and a bounce house.

The 31st Annual National Night Out was celebrated across the country.

# Items of Interest

**2014 Great Falls Balloon Festival was held the weekend of August 15-17th**



**The 22nd annual celebration with a pirate theme was called “Swashbucklin’ in the Sky”**

The festival boasted of 6AM and 6PM balloon launches, dozens of food booths, pancakes breakfasts, craft and trade booths, a children’s area with entertainment including a bounce house, miniature horse rides, games and face painting. Live entertainment was enjoyed by all throughout the weekend. There was also carnival rides, festival parade, and various demonstrations and contests. The cooperative efforts of the cities of Lewiston and Auburn, an army of volunteers and the generosity of valued local businesses have grown the festival into a truly memorable event. Attendance was estimated at over 100,000.

# City Administrator

Edward A. Barrett

## Councilor Christ to Leave City Council

Ward 4 Councilor Doreen Christ has indicated that she will be resigning from the City Council at the end of September. She has recently accepted a job with the City of Portland and will be relocating from Ward 4. Doreen is in her second term on the City Council and will be missed. The Council has scheduled a special election to fill the Ward 4 vacancy for the November 4<sup>th</sup> statewide election. On behalf of all of us on staff, we would like to thank Councilor Christ for her service and wish her the best in her new position.

## Comprehensive Plan Draft Available for Comments

A revised draft of the City's proposed new comprehensive plan is now complete and available for public review and comment at <http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/comprehensiveplan> or by going to the Planning and Code Enforcement home page of our web site. We are asking everyone with an interest in this plan or any part of it to share their thoughts and comments with us. The draft plan is a big document, but it is surprisingly readable. Thumb through it and look for topics that interest you such as: prioritizing economic vitality; strengthen neighborhoods and expanding housing choices; celebrating history, arts and culture; promoting transportation choice and mobility; and providing reliable services and municipal transparency. Then let us know your thoughts at [comprehensiveplan@lewistonmaine.gov](mailto:comprehensiveplan@lewistonmaine.gov). A public review and comment session will be scheduled shortly – most likely in mid-November.

## Joint Charter Commission Hosts Public Comment Session

The Lewiston Auburn Joint Charter Commission hosted a public session in late August seeking thoughts, comments, and opinions from the public. Fifteen individuals came and shared their thoughts on such topics as: the name of the new entity; the need to involve not only the public but city employees in evaluating the consolidation option; the potential for realizing savings over time through attrition as employees leave; opportunities to strengthen public education through a larger system with greater capabilities; documenting areas where there will be actual savings; improving L/A's influence with state and federal officials; and many more. While the majority of the comments were supportive, several individuals aired concerns or opposition based on preserving community identity and the actual likelihood of saving money. The Commission will continue to seek public input on community consolidation as the process moves forward. More information on the Charter Commission is available on the City's web site at: <http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/index.aspx?NID=636> including contact information for the six Commissioners, all of whom are interested in hearing from the public.

## Marijuana Question to Appear on November Ballot

A citizen initiative seeking to legalize the possession of marijuana in Lewiston successfully obtained the required number of signatures to be considered by the City Council. The Council had two options: approving the ordinance as submitted by the petitioners or placing it on an election ballot for residents to vote. The Council has placed the item on the November 4<sup>th</sup> ballot. Note that if approved, state laws on marijuana possession will continue in effect and the legalization ordinance would not prevent the Lewiston Police Department from taking actions under state law.

# Assessing

Joe Grube, Chief Assessor

## Real-Estate Review

Staff began canvassing real estate for the state mandated four-year review program. Appraisers began work off the Old Webster Road and Webster Street neighborhoods.

## Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement (BETR)

BETR filings are being processed for the 2013 tax year. The program reimburses taxes paid for previous year on eligible business personal property.

## Resident Tax Bills

Thirteen thousand (13,000) tax bills were mailed for the first half of the 2014-2015 tax year. The total taxable valuation for the 2014-2015 is \$1,905,703,270. This represents an increase of \$14,447,140 over the prior tax year.



# Fire

Chief Paul LeClair

## Neighbors Notify the Fire Department of Propane Leak

On Friday, August 22, a Lewiston citizen who lives near a local propane filling facility called the Lewiston Fire Department's administrative office reporting a strong odor of propane gas. She stated that the odor had been very strong over the past several weeks and at times was so strong that it woke her up in the early morning hours. She had also been experiencing headaches and attributed them to the propane smell. She was instructed to hang up and immediately dial 9-1-1, report the gas smell, and a truck would be dispatched to investigate.

At 13:26, an alarm came in as a report of gas odor in the area. Ladder 1 responded to the scene to investigate. Upon arrival, L-1's crew and the operations manager of the facility searched the area for the source of the odor. Command (415) and Assistant Chief (421) reported to the scene and were briefed on the situation. Upon investigating, crews were able to locate a propane leak coming from the supply pipe that runs underneath the building where small cylinders are filled. The siding was removed from an area of the building and a large amount of frost was discovered surrounding the pipe at the point it enters the earth, indicating a large gas leak below grade. At this time, the propane facility was shut down, command requested Engine 4 & Engine 7 to assist on scene, ordered the closure of several neighboring streets near the facility, and notified the railroad to shut down the nearby tracks until the situation was under control and determined to be safe.

With the combined efforts of the fire and police departments and representatives of the facility, the gas was shut off, the propane was emptied from the line, the area was vented, and vapors dispersed. A representative of the State of Maine LP Fuel Resource was contacted and the facility agreed to remain closed until the building was checked out and deemed safe to resume normal business activities.

## Propane Facts and Safety Tips

- ⇒ Just as with natural gas, an identifying odor is added so it can be readily detected.
- ⇒ Handle any propane-powered equipment cautiously and always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- ⇒ Cylinder tanks for stoves, ovens, etc. must be located outside of the home.
- ⇒ Never store or use propane gas cylinders larger than one pound inside the home.
- ⇒ Never operate a propane-powered gas grill inside the home.
- ⇒ Have propane gas equipment inspected periodically by a professional for possible leaks or malfunctions.
- ⇒ Carefully follow the manufacturer's instructions when lighting a pilot.
- ⇒ If you smell a strong odor of gas, leave the area immediately and call 9-1-1.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** that all emergency vehicles are dispatched through the **9-1-1 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER**. The Administrative offices or sub-stations for Fire and Police are not equipped to dispatch apparatus or personnel. **DO NOT HESITATE** to pick up the phone and dial 9-1-1 if there is a situation that should be investigated. **TIME IS CRUCIAL IN EMERGENCIES AND CAN OFTEN DETERMINE THE OUTCOME!**

# Information Technology

Timothy Earle, Director

The MIS Department experienced the usual levels of activity regarding typical calls for application support and assistance, hardware maintenance, printing and graphic work, and troubleshooting various problems. Of particular note, 17 Library PC's were updated to perform better and to accommodate the changeover to the new Mango Languages Program the Library is soon to offer its patrons. Two aging catalogue computers in the Children's Department were also replaced.

The City network ran with 100% up-time in August; the only issue was an approximate 10 to 15 minute loss of the VOIP telephone service on the afternoon of August 29<sup>th</sup>.

**CITY OF LEWISTON**  
**REAL ESTATE TAX STATEMENT**

Fiscal Year 2013  
July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

PARCEL NUMBER	ACCOUNT NUMBER	DATE OF BILLING	TOTAL TAXES
00-002006	37596	07/24/2014	5,247.27

LOCATION OF PROPERTY AND DESCRIPTION  
01008 LISBON ST  
LAND & BLDG - 110X118

1008 LISBON STREET LLC  
1008 LISBON ST  
LEWISTON, ME 04240

BILL NUMBER	TOTAL TAXES
15A00002006	5,247.27
DUE SEPTEMBER 15, 2014	2,623.64
DUE MARCH 16, 2015	2,623.63
AMOUNT PAID TO DATE	0.00
INTEREST DUE	0.00
BALANCE DUE	5,247.27

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The semiannual production and generation of City property and personal tax bills was one of the more notable tasks undertaken by MIS during the month of August. Working closely with the Assessing Department, some **13,080** tax bills were successfully compiled, printed and mailed.

The transition from the City's Sunguard Pentamation "Finance Plus" financial management software to the new Tyler Technologies MUNIS financial management software progressed nicely during the month of August. One of the major goals is the successful extraction of the data from the Pentamation system by MIS. With the assistance of City Finance Director Heather Hunter, Chief Auditor Ralph Lenfestey, and School Finance Director Elaine Runyon, a new "Chart of Accounts" was successfully created. This is a major building block in the process of joining the City and School sides under the new MUNIS financial package. This is now being tested on the City's existing MUNIS water billing server with the prospects looking good for the new Chart of Accounts to go LIVE on or about 10/01/2014. Upon the successful completion of this testing, the utility billing database will be migrated to the new MUNIS hardware for load testing.



Ten sleeves (comprising 100 batteries, weighing approximately 800lbs.) were delivered for the Lewiston Public Works Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) system, thus ensuring continued operation of the various Public Works computer systems through any power outages, surges, brownouts etc. Smaller UPS systems were also evaluated and replaced in City Hall's Departments of General Assistance, Treasury, and Auditing as was UPS for the Watch Guard Server at Lewiston Police Department. Our Domain Name Server (DNS) has been upgraded to the newer Microsoft Server 2012 R2 operating system and is replacing our old approximately six-year old DNS server. One



immediate advantage to performing this upgrade has been the recovery of approximately 25% of the City's network storage space through the "Data Deduplication" feature offered by Microsoft Server 2012 R2.

The Audio Visual Control Room for City Council Chambers was revamped by Great Falls TV personnel. An ergonomic desk was installed, replacing the tall cumbersome tower that has longed served the center of operations. In the process of the change over, several of the video and audio connections and configurations were streamlined. The test runs, which basically consisted of the August City Council Meetings and a four-hour Civil Rights Commission Hearing on August 14th, all served to show that this new arrangement works well and is bringing more clarity to the broadcasts from the City Council Chambers.



There were 7,492 visitors (5,026 were unique) to the front page of the City Website in August. The average length of stay on the site was 2 minutes 44 seconds. The new Restaurant Inspection Reports page [www.lewistonmaine.gov/restaurants](http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/restaurants) which was first launched in April 2014, had a total of 131 visits (from 120 unique visitors) in August with an average length of stay on the page of 44 seconds. The newly revised Comprehensive Plan information page, [www.lewistonmaine.gov/comprehensiveplan](http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/comprehensiveplan) which was launched in mid-August, had a total of 359 visits (from 254 unique visitors) with an average length of stay on the page of 2 minutes 35 seconds.

On Friday 8/29/2014, MIS Director Timothy Earle took Peter Smith of Somerset County on a tour of the various agencies touching the City, to share information on mutual aid and better integrating and filling the IT needs of said agencies.

This month's report was written by David Gudas, the Personal Computer Coordinator for the City of Lewiston.

### Summer Reading Success at LPL!

Five hundred and fourteen children and teens participated in the library's summer reading games this year with the total time read adding up to more than 4,516 hours! Not only did the kids have fun, attend programs, and win prizes, but more importantly, they made use of their reading skills, preparing them to jump right into the new school year.



### Learn Languages Online

The Library's newest digital service, Mango Languages Online, was unveiled in late August. This is a joint program of the Lewiston and Auburn public libraries and is available on our joint website: [LibraryLA.org](http://LibraryLA.org). Through Mango, cardholders can access 60 foreign language courses and 17 English courses taught in the learner's native language. Mango can be used at the library, remotely, or even on-the-go with apps for iPhone, Android, Kindle, and Nook.



### New Library Technician Joins Staff

Our newest staff member, Elaina Sessions, began working this summer as a library technician in our Reference and Adult Services Department. Elaina has a master's degree in library science from Long Island University and will be helping citizens to use the library's book, audio-visual, and electronic services. She will also be focusing some of her work on teen programming and services.



# Planning & Code Enforcement

Gil Arsenault, Director

## Board of Appeals

On August 6, 2014, the Board conducted a 3.5 hour public hearing regarding the administrative appeal of Donald Arel, relative to a June 20 notice of violation issued by the Lewiston Planning and Code Enforcement Department. The order required Mr. and Mrs. Arel to discontinue the use of their 50 Old Farm Road property for an off-road vehicle park, campground, and weapons firing range. The administrative appeal was denied, and the Arel's did not challenge the Board's decision to the Superior Court.



## Planning Board

An application submitted by Stoneybrook Consultants on behalf of Gendron Drive, LLC for a minor revision to the subdivision plan approved in 2012 for property located at 91 Ferry Road was approved. The revision combines lots 2 and 3 to create on five-acre lot with access from Grand Avenue.

## Enforcement Action

A solid waste civil penalty and a citation was issued. On August 12th, the City Council conducted a condemnation hearing and ordered the demolition of the multi-family structure located at 115 Shawmut Street. On August 28th, staff worked with the City Attorney to obtain a consent order in the Eighth District Court regarding property maintenance violations at 17 Rachel Boulevard.



## PERMIT ACTIVITY

### August 2014

- ◆ 63 building permits with a reported value of \$556,519
- ◆ 16 plumbing permits
- ◆ 34 electrical permits

No high-dollar value projects

### August 2013

- ◆ 44 building permits with a reported value of \$1,236,836—one new single-family home was permitted
- ◆ 9 plumbing permits
- ◆ 42 electrical permits

The highest reported dollar value building permits were as follows: 48 Campus Avenue for interior renovations to George and Helen Ladd Library in the amount of \$310,000 and 217 Switzerland Road for the construction of an 1,120 square foot mausoleum in the amount of \$262,567.

**Public DRAFT of the Comprehensive Plan is now available for review and comment.**

**Read more about it:**

# VIEW THE DRAFT PLAN

[WWW.LEWISTONMAINE.GOV/COMPREHENSIVEPLAN](http://WWW.LEWISTONMAINE.GOV/COMPREHENSIVEPLAN)

**The Comprehensive Plan, “Legacy Lewiston” is now available for review and comment!**

The City and Town Planning and Urban Design Collaborative, LLC (TPUDC) have completed a draft available for public review. The plan and additional information may be viewed at [www.lewistonmaine.gov/comprehensive plan](http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/comprehensiveplan). A hardcopy for viewing is also available at the Lewiston Public Library and City Hall in the Planning and Code Enforcement Department. Color or black and white copies are available for purchase upon request. Please contact Planning and Code Enforcement at 207-513-3125 for further information or copies.

**Read the parts that interest you! Read the entire plan, but be sure to participate and be engaged!**

- ◇ Comments may be submitted to [comprehensiveplan@lewistonmaine.gov](mailto:comprehensiveplan@lewistonmaine.gov) or delivered to Planning and Code Enforcement located on the third floor of Lewiston City Hall.
- ◇ Written comments will be accepted until September 26, 2014. **NOTE:** there will be future opportunities to provide additional comments throughout this process.

After a very successful public input process, TPUDC worked on incorporating the community’s comments and recommendations into a draft document. That document was then reviewed by the Comprehensive Plan Committee and city staff for review of typographic errors, inaccuracies, and to provide general comments and suggestions for the consultant’s consideration in an effort to prepare a public draft for review. The draft plan being presented at this time is a culmination of these efforts that shall address and result in a plan consistent with the Growth Management Act of the State of Maine.

**The process moving forward will consist of the following timeline (dates subject to change):**



**Legacy | Lewiston**

City of Lewiston Comprehensive Plan



## timeline Lewiston Comprehensive Plan Released for Public Comment—Late August 2014

- Public comment period - September 2014
- Written comments will be accepted until September 26, 2014
- Plan to be submitted to Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry State reviews comprehensive plan for consistency with the goals and guidelines of Maine Growth Management Act

## timeline Internal Review Period—October 2014

- Public comments will be consolidated into common themes and subject matters for review by staff and consultant/TPUDC
- Update will be provided to the Comprehensive Plan/Think Tank Committee by early/mid-October

## timeline Public Meeting—Late October/November 2014

- TPUDC and the City will hold a public meeting TBA to present the plan, speak to the comments received, and respond to questions and comments.
- Additional written comment period will be provided for thoughts and suggestions based upon the public meeting

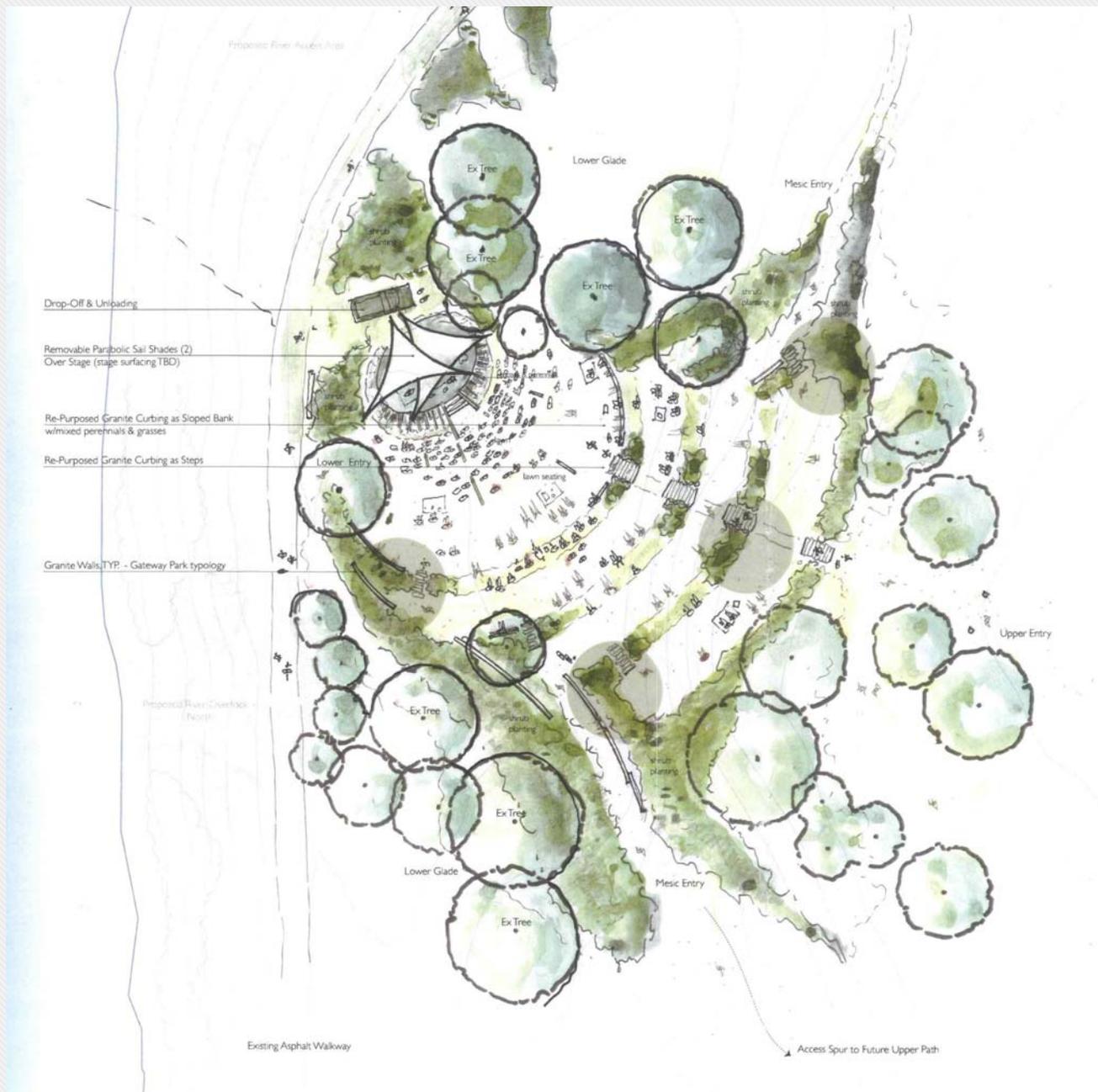
## timeline Winter 2015 (*tentative*)

- TPUDC prepares final draft for review and adoption
- Public meetings and review process to be held by Planning Board and City Council
- Planning Board to provide recommendations to City Council for adoption
- City Council adopts plan
- State provides a finding of consistency

### **Simard-Payne Park/Riverfront Master Plan Improvements**

J. Pratt Construction, Inc. has all but completed the gateway to Simard-Payne Park. With the exception of some planting and finer detail work, the park is open and available for use and looks great! With this phase nearly complete, the City's efforts are shifting toward the design of an amphitheater in the park. (*See photo on next page.*) After meeting with the Planning Board and Council in July, landscape architect Richardson Associates has begun design work. The City aims to include electrical upgrades to the park as part of the proposed improvements. The goal is to have a final design ready to bid before the end of the year for construction in 2015. This construction would include river access improvements which have already been permitted and designed.

# Design of an Amphitheater at Simard-Payne Park



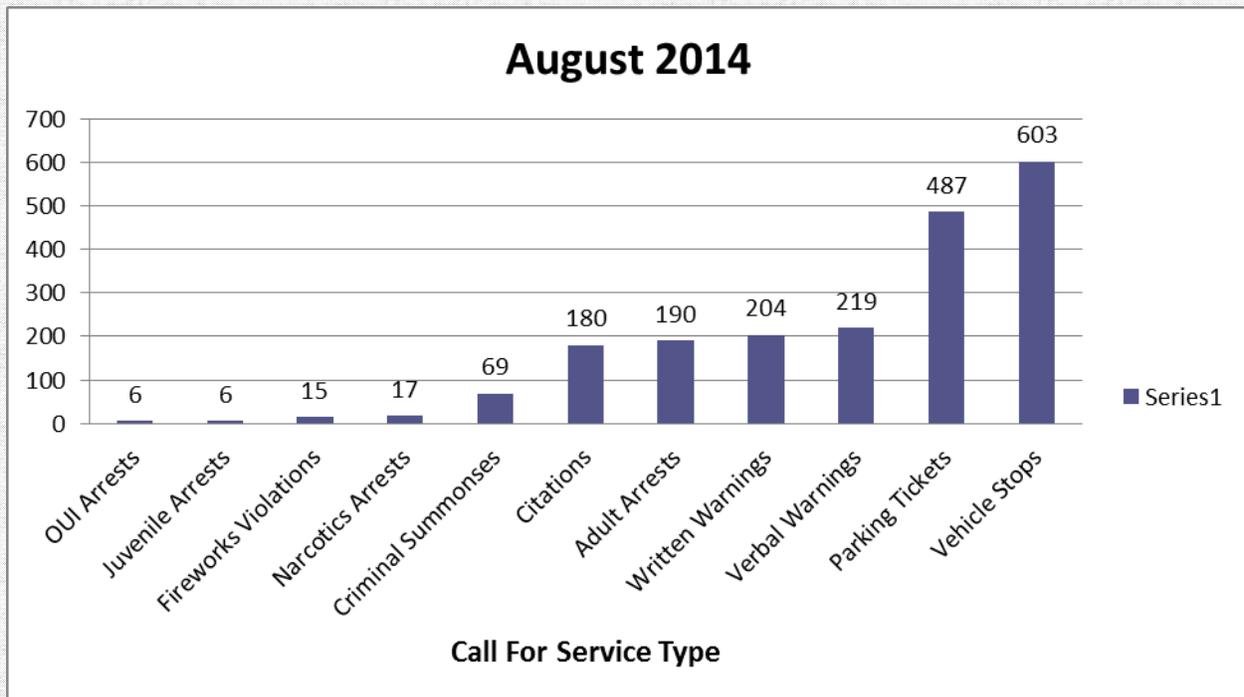
# Police

Mike Bussiere, Chief

## Statistics

*In the month of August, the Lewiston Police Department responded to a total of 3,365 Calls for Service (CFS). The summary is below:*

<b>Calls For Service</b>	<b>08/2014</b>
Total CFS	<b>3,365</b>
Vehicle Stops	<b>603</b>
Citations	<b>180</b>
Written Warnings	<b>204</b>
Verbal Warnings	<b>219</b>
Adult Arrests	<b>190</b>
Juvenile Arrests	<b>6</b>
Criminal Summonses	<b>69</b>
Narcotics Arrests	<b>17</b>
OUI Arrests	<b>6</b>
Parking Tickets	<b>487</b>
Fireworks Violations	<b>15</b>



## Community Events

Officer Weaver conducted traffic enforcement in the areas of Pond Road, Webster Street, Farwell Street, and East Avenue. In response to citizen complaints of excessive speed, the radar trailer was also deployed in these areas.

Various sworn personnel attended the National Night Out community event held at Marcotte Park. National Night Out was also attended by personnel from the Public Works, the Recreation Division, and several volunteers.

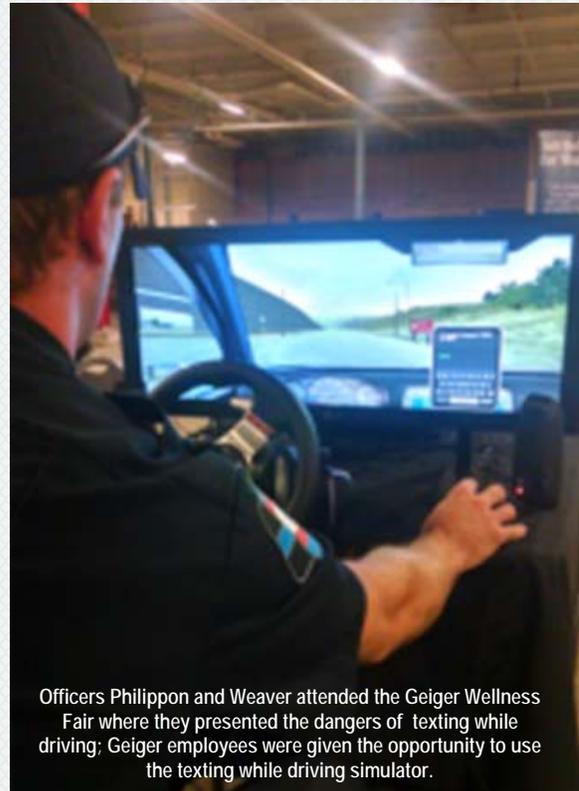
Sergeant Ullrich and Officers Griffin and Philippon attended the River Valley summer block party.

Officers C. Johnson and Rousseau served on the LPD Honor Guard for the funeral of retired Lieutenant, Anthony Vitale.

Far beyond the call of duty, Corporal Vierling provided a room at a local hotel for a homeless family.



Sergeant Ullrich and Officers Griffin and Weaver attended the Meadowview Housing BBQ. Officer Weaver showed off his BBQ skills while working the grill at this event.



Officers Philippon and Weaver attended the Geiger Wellness Fair where they presented the dangers of texting while driving; Geiger employees were given the opportunity to use the texting while driving simulator.

## Training

Officer Burkhardt renewed his Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) certification.

Crime Analyst Amy Blaisdell-Pechmanová attended a two-day Open Source Practitioners Course (OSINT) hosted by the Department of Homeland Security.

Various sworn personnel completed training regarding the Intoxilyzer.

# Public Works

David Jones, Director

## DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

After a long winter, this summer seems to have gone by far too quickly! The Liberty and Balloon Festivals went well and we are preparing for the Dempsey Challenge coming up soon. In the meantime, construction season is going full bore with the next two months critical. In addition to all the work and projects listed below, the Engineering Division is heavily involved in reviewing and approving projects submitted to the City for permits and Planning Board approval. In August, we reviewed and negotiated with Bates College on their plan to construct two new student dormitories, a college store, and a mail room. These reviews are extensive and technical and in this case, we negotiated with Bates on a number of issues they are working with the City to resolve.

Here are some specifics for work done in August:

### Street/Road & Sidewalk Improvement Projects

#### Crews completed the following work:

#### Balloon Festival prep and tear down included:

- Sweeping Lincoln, Oxford, Main Streets and the Longley Bridge;
- Mowing the entry way and area of Simard-Payne Park;
- Pothole repair prior to the event;
- Set up and recovery of vendor tents;
- Installing snow fence for crown control.
- Preparing road closures for the event and the bike race;
- Installing emergency shelter signs;
- Delivering ten trash receptacles and two 30 cubic yard roll-off containers for trash disposal;

#### Other general work included:

- Patching streets in 37 locations around the city;
- Repairing storm drains (culverts and catch-basins) in 13 locations;
- Preparing Webster, Ferry and River Roads for paving;
- Grading and repairing shoulders on Pagoma Lane, Chadbourne Road and the quarry entrance;

- Repairing concrete pad at the fuel pump island;
- Delivering chairs and tables for the National Night Out event;



Campus Avenue Sidewalk Repair



Repair of Bartlett St. following the storm

- The Arborist crew completed tree removal at 7 locations and trimmed and removed 30 stumps;
- The Traffic crew returned to the day shift mid-month and continued sign replacement and painting crosswalks, stop-bars, and parking stalls;
- Roadside mowing continued on many of our city roads and streets in the rural sections of town;
- All athletic fields were mowed and lined in preparation for athletic events, and Kennedy Pool was maintained daily until it closed for the season;
- Graffiti was removed at Veterans Park and Simard-Payne Park;
- Crews cleaned Paradis Park and repaired the washed-out area.

**Status of contracted projects:**

- City paving contract—Paving contractor installed more than 1,200 tons of asphalt including work on Ferry Road, South Lisbon Road, Dyer Road, River Road, and a water line ditch on Beacon Street;
- The street rehab contract was awarded to Morin Excavating on August 18. The contract will address a pavement issue at Alfred A. Plourde Parkway near Webster Street, and rehab Pond Road from 457 to No Name Pond Road;
- Developing a concept plan including paving, sidewalk treatment, ADA and striping to initiate discussion at a public meeting for Lisbon Street Rehab (Chestnut to Main Street) and scoping two signal improvement projects;
- Main Street Route 202/11/100 highway improvements Memorial Avenue to Stetson Road (0.57 mile) with replacement of Stetson Bridge. Project began in July with CPM Constructors, managed by MDOT. The

drainage system has been completed on the west (Lewiston in-bound) side and new drainage system is currently being installed on the east (Lewiston out-bound side). Project completion, 2015;

- Veterans Memorial Bridge paving with drainage and safety improvements from Russell Street to Center Street is being done by Pike Industries and managed by MDOT. Work is expected to be complete by late September;
- RJ Grondin & Sons continued work on the \$5.1 million Maine Turnpike Authority (MTA) project to upgrade the Exit 80 ramps. The new north-bound off-ramp is scheduled to have a closure from September 7-13 to complete the work on that ramp. No other ramp closures are expected;
- The Riverside Greenway Bicycle/Pedestrian Facility construction continues with the Jepson Brook bridge being installed. All of the drainage culverts and retaining walls have been installed. Fine grading of the trail will be taking place soon to prepare for paving and it is hoped to be complete by October. The project creates a 6,600 LF 10' wide hot mixed asphalt trail from Sunnyside Park to Tall Pines Drive. This promises to be a terrific addition to the city's trail system!



Riverside Greenway Bridge over Jepson Brook

## Water, Sewer and Stormwater



### Construction projects and studies:

- ◇ Working on the scope for the Clean Water Act Master Plan (CWAMP) update which addresses the City's responsibilities under the Clean Water Act to address Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs). The end of our 15-year program is 2015 and a scope of work is planned to be submitted to DEP in January 2015;
  - ◇ East Avenue water main—St. Laurent and Son is nearing completion of this project. All of the new mains are installed and only final paving and cleanup is remaining;
  - ◇ Park Street water main pipe bursting—This project is moving along well with St. Laurent and Son. Temporary water connections were made and some of the pipe bursting is complete with the new 8" PVC pipe. Final service connections are now being completed and the project is on track to finish by the end of September;
  - ◇ The Belleview Avenue storm drain project was completed by Woods Excavating. The \$59,000 project consisted of 400LF of 12" underdrain and a new catch basin to help drainage on Belleview Avenue. Touch-up work and loam/seeding remains;
- ◇ Work continues on Jepson Brook Phase 5 of the CSO sewer/stormwater project (7 streets on the south side of Sabattus Street in the Garcelon Bog area—Longchamps & Sons, \$748,853;
  - ◇ Jepson Brook Phase 6 of the CSO sewer/stormwater project continues with Nitram construction. The project includes work on 8 streets in Jepson Brook Watershed and construction is about half done with completion expected before winter sets in;
  - ◇ A study of Jepson Brook began to evaluate the capacity of the drainage channel and pipes, identify necessary improvements, and forecast future needs is in progress by CDM Smith Consultants;



**Belleview Storm Drain boulder armored outlet**

- ◇ National Water Main Cleaning Company began the condition assessment of the sewer mains and manholes. The project consists of closed circuit TV inspections of almost 400,000 LF of sewer mains in the city and is scheduled to be completed in June 2015;
- ◇ Cure-in-place sewer lining— Green Mountain Pipeline has completed lining all of the small mains in the contract. Only the 30" Hart Brook Interceptor remains to be completed this month;

### **Water, Sewer and Stormwater (continued)**

- ◇ Strawberry Avenue waterline and rehab– This project to install 1,000' of water main and reconstruct 800' of Strawberry Avenue was awarded to J. Pratt Construction with a contract amount of \$272,712. Pratt will start work on this project by the end of September and complete the work in late October.

### **Work Performed by Water/Sewer crews:**

- ◇ Responded to two water main breaks with one of them on the 24" transmission line from Lake Auburn;
- ◇ Responded to five sewer back-ups (two were private issues)
- ◇ Responded to 32 E-Govs; all are complete and 217 Dig Safe requests;
- ◇ Raised numerous man-holes and water gates for paving;
- ◇ Provided extensive assistance to St. Laurent & Sons on the Park Street water line project making taps, opening and closing valves and locating service entries;
- ◇ Assisted Longchamps Construction on their CSO project on Genest, Stewart, Mellon, and Perley Streets;
- ◇ Completed main replacements on Brigham and McNamara Street, replacing the old 6" cast iron pipe installed in the 1940's with a new 8" ductile pipe. This increases fire flows and dramatically improves water quality to the customers served;
- ◇ Continued making progress on the valve maintenance program and the sewer flushing program;
- ◇ Continued to replace water meters, some that tested extremely slow;

- ◇ Maintained all watershed properties;
- ◇ Worked with MDOT on the road work for Main Street, relocating hydrants and water services;
- ◇ Worked with Greene Mountain Pipe Line Service on their project to line sewer mains and National Water Line doing sewer line video inspections.

### **Solid Waste Division**

- ◆ Casella's Material Recycling Facility continues with equipment now being installed;
- ◆ In response to safety concerns raised by MDEP, gas monitoring samples for flammable gas are being recorded from the gas relief vents connected to the closed, attenuated landfill. To date, there were no detectable amounts of flammable gas being discharged from these vents;
- ◆ An application for a minor modification to the Solid Waste Facility's MDEP issued license was submitted requesting a delay on the start of modifications to the stormwater detention pond located at the facility due to financial restrictions in the FY15 budget;



## Building Maintenance Division

- The division welcomed Bill Storm and Jim Gauthier to our staff.
- Jay Arnold and his staff will be working on projects needing to be completed before winter arrives, including the replacement of damaged drain pipes at the Chestnut Street parking garage, roof repair at City Hall's clock tower, repairing an overhead door at the Operations Center, repairing a drainage problem at the Lincoln Street garage, addressing Bureau of Labor issues at the Armory and Library, while managing all the E-Gov requests generated every day.
- Mike Paradis is getting prices to repair portions of the City Hall roof, LED light replacement of the top deck of the Southern Gateway and Oak Street parking garages, the Chestnut Street garage deck membrane repair, and installation of exit lights for the Canal Street parking garage.



- The Library roof repair project was awarded to Kevin Smith and Son. Work on this project will start in late September.
- Waterproofing the northeast corner of the City Hall foundation has gone out to bid, with the bid opening on September 11.

## Recreation Division

### Activities & Meetings at the Armory

- ◇ Lewiston Senior Citizens: Board and membership meetings; Bingo, Cribbage, Pinochle, Bridge, and weekly card games
- ◇ American Legion Post 22, Post 9150, Post 210, Franco-American War Veterans and Auxiliary Post 3, Disabled American Veterans, Association Canado-Americaine Chapter Dr. Paul Fortier, L/A Veterans
- ◇ Lewiston Democrats, Lewiston Republicans, Lewiston GOP
- ◇ Local MSEIU meeting, and Recreation gymnastics pre-team & team

### Armory Events

- ◇ Wednesday in the Park performance by Jason Tady "Atypical Juggler," the Maine Woodcarvers Show, and Lewiston Senior Citizen "Fun Day" at Lost Valley

### Park Events

- ◇ Great Falls Balloon Festival, Farmers' Markets, Bridge Run, ALT Youth Triathlon and Church of All Nations event

### Athletic Events

- ◇ Legion Baseball, LHS Girls & Boys Soccer, cross-country and field hockey practices and games, LMS football practices and FLY Football League practices and games.



LHS football field—ready for the season

## Recreation Division (continued)

### Programs

The following summer programs concluded in August: Camp Smiles, Adult and Youth Tennis, Track and Field, Co-ed Basketball Skills and Drills, Kennedy Park pool Aquatics, Men's and Co-ed Softball leagues.

### FALL

Registrations, flyers, and hiring for all upcoming fall programs is underway. Programs include:

- ◆ Youth Soccer
- ◆ Youth Field Hockey
- ◆ Tennis - Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles
- ◆ Volleyball - Men's, Women's, Co-ed, A, B1, and B2
- ◆ LA Cheer - sign-ups on September 14

### Upcoming September Events

- ◆ Zumba-thon to benefit the Dempsey Center
- ◆ LMS Zumba/Hip-hop/Yoga Morning
- ◆ Dempsey Challenge
- ◆ Alzheimer's Association Walk
- ◆ Great Falls Yoga Festival
- ◆ American Heart Association Walk
- ◆ LA Arts

### Fall Athletic Scheduling

Scheduling of fall sports for Recreation activities, high school and middle school athletics was completed for September and October.

### Noteworthy

Camp Smiles Director Josh Daigle (and wife Brianne) welcomed their first child, a daughter, Harper Elizabeth on July 31st! Congratulations!



# WELLNESS

F A R M E R S <sup>Num</sup> ↓ M A R K E T



The summer Wellness drawings were for \$25 gift certificates to the local Farmers' Market.

Five (5) names were to be drawn for seven (7) weeks; each winner receiving the \$25 certificate!

Congratulations to the following employees in the first three weeks:

Week 1, 8/14/14

- Kathy Harkins
- Sue Turcotte
- Joline Banaitis
- Mark Cyr
- Denis Caron

Week 2, 8/21/14

- Kelly Brooks
- Connie McCown
- Wendall Strout
- Mike Bernier
- Tim Berry

Week 3, 8/28/14

- Ingrid Nivison
- Dan Rodrigue
- Paul Ouellette
- Mike Danforth
- Don Morin

