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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



19th Annual Liberty Festival - A Celebration of Freedom!

Across the country, communities are celebrating their independence. The Liberty Festival is an Independence Day celebration along the banks of the Androscoggin River, and it's uniquely L/A. With a focus on the Great Falls, the Liberty Festival is an example of two communities' rich in heritage working and celebrating together.

The festival, which is planned and operated by dozens of volunteers, supported in part by the cities of Lewiston and Auburn, provides day-long family fun. Visitors were able to enjoy live entertainment on two stages: Great Falls Plaza and Veteran's Park in Lewiston. The weekend kicked off on Friday, July 3rd with a new event: The Fuse, benefitting not only the Liberty Festival, but the Great Falls Balloon Festival as well. Featured live music from The Veggies and Cold Blue Steel was enjoyed by many!
-www.libertyfestival.org

Coming Soon... The GREAT FALLS BALLOON FESTIVAL



Providing fundraising opportunities for local nonprofits since 1992. By visiting the festival, you're helping support the communities of L/A.

Amphitheater Pics

Have you been to Simard-Payne Park lately? If not, you'll have to go over to check out the new Amphitheater with water access! (pictured below).



Amphitheater Pics



Free Medicine Disposal Day

Saturday, September 26th 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Farwell Elementary School
110 Farwell Street, Lewiston

Bedard Pharmacy
359 Minot Ave, Auburn

Drive-Thru and drop off your medicines without leaving your vehicle!



Bring your expired, unused, and unwanted medicines including:

- ✓ Prescriptions
- ✓ Over-the-counter
- ✓ Veterinary medications
- ✓ Vitamins
- ✓ Homeopathic treatments

We can't take:
needles/syringes
electronic equipment
items containing mercury

For More Information:

Healthy Androscoggin -- 330-7756
Androscoggin Valley
Council of Governments --783-9186

Sponsors and Partners in Prevention:

Protect the environment ✓ Prevent youth drug abuse ✓ Protect the elderly from drug thefts ✓

City Administrator

Edward A. Barrett

It Takes a Community

Those of us who work for the City of Lewiston know that it takes more than municipal effort to make a great community. It takes hard work and involvement from everyone. This month, and at the risk of missing some, I'd like to highlight recent and ongoing city-related volunteer efforts that are making our community better.

- ◆ The efforts of the **Friends of Pettingill Park** are bearing fruit. This neighborhood organization was established to work toward transitioning the old Pettingill School property into a park. They've organized, planned, and raised funds. The old school buildings have been demolished, the area loamed and seeded, and work is beginning on park improvements. With the help of employees of Casella Recycling, the old wood chips under the playground equipment have been removed and new ones installed. The Friends are also beginning to implement improvements called for in their plan including walkways, planting trees and shrubs, and building a gazebo. Hats off to the Friends for improving this property and their neighborhood.



- ◆ The Kennedy Park Bandstand replacement is now under construction. This project was only possible because a committed group of residents took up the challenge to raise the funds needed. While the City pledged \$75,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds, twice this amount in private contributions were needed. Without this effort, this part of our history would have been lost. Thanks to the **Kennedy Park Bandstand Restoration Committee** for its hard work.



- ◆ The new flags you see on the Longley Bridge were donated by the Liberty Festival and are a great addition to our community and a complement to Veterans Memorial Park, a facility developed by the LA Veterans Council. The park is and will remain a daily reminder to those traveling in the area of the debt we owe to those who have served.



- ◆ Thanks to LA Arts, its volunteers, and local participating artists, downtown Lisbon Street comes alive on the last Friday of each month from spring through the fall for *Art Walk Lewiston Auburn*. Without volunteer support, these events wouldn't happen. Stay tuned for the next major attraction – a public art installation by Charlie Hewitt, a former area resident and nationally recognized artist. Charlie donated his time and worked with LA Arts to raise the funds needed to cover the materials for this project. Again, this wouldn't have happened without these contributions. A ceremony/ribbon cutting is scheduled for August 28th at 5:30 p.m. at 155 Lisbon Street, Lewiston.



- ◆ Volunteers for the LA CASH Coalition wrapped up another amazing tax season preparing and e-filing 1,957 federal returns, 2,161 state returns, and helping low-to-moderate income individuals and families claim \$3.7 million in state and federal refunds. Kudos to them all and especially to K.C. Geiger who serves as the tax prep Site Coordinator at the Lewiston Memorial Armory and Auburn City Hall. The twelve-year tally that this volunteer multi-partner coalition has claimed for individuals/families is \$26,289,674. The Coalition also focuses on financial literacy/asset-building with those they serve, and this tax season, 753 people requested information on topics ranging from homeownership, matched savings, college savings, improving credit, etc. In addition, many connections were made at the Coalition's Super Refund Saturday community resource fair.



- ◆ Great community events depend on volunteers as well. Be it the Liberty Festival, the Great Falls Balloon Festival, the Greek Festival, the Dempsey Challenge, and the many other smaller events held each year, volunteer efforts make them possible, and they add tremendous vitality to LA.



- ◆ Other recent efforts include: volunteers who helped the Twin Cities install stencils at storm drains reminding the public that these drains discharge to our rivers and streams and to not pollute; the Land Trust recently sponsored its annual river clean-up; the Knights of Columbus and various veterans groups, other organizations, and individual residents volunteered to place flags on veterans' graves in all of our cemeteries for Memorial Day; students from Edward Little volunteered to assist our City Arborist and his crew in establishing our new municipal tree nursery near Lake Auburn; various Chamber of Commerce members adopt spots throughout the community to install and maintain flowers that provide beauty and relief to our urban landscape; and the list goes on and on.

There's been a lot of talk recently about "social capital." Social capital consists of the links, shared values, and understandings in a community that enables individuals and groups to trust each other and to work together for the community's benefit. If there's a Social Capital of Maine, it's in Lewiston and Auburn.

Thanks to everyone who makes a difference and to all those who volunteer to make our community a better place.



ASSESSING

Bill Healy, Chief Assessor

Upcoming Customer Service Improvements in Assessing

Starting in September, we hope to be able to offer all of the City's parcel and assessment information on line. This information is frequently requested by property owners for a variety of reasons, including potential interest in selling a property, and by appraisers and others in the real estate community. Currently, those seeking this information must request it from Assessing and make arrangements to collect the material. This will dramatically reduce the counter traffic in Assessing, allowing us to reduce the clerical time devoted to walk-in requests.

We are in the process of cross training a second customer service position in Treasury on basic assessing services and information. This will allow us to better answer any assessing related questions that might arise as residents come to City Hall to pay their taxes, renew their vehicle registration, or handle other financial issues.

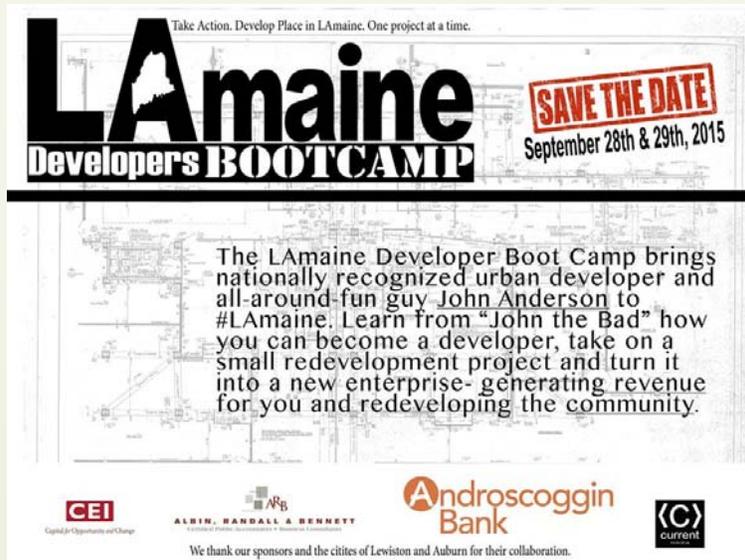
Finally, once all assessing information is on line and given what will then become very infrequent walk-in traffic, those needing to discuss concerns with our assessors will be scheduled for appointments and no longer seen on a drop-in basis. This will ensure that Assessing staff will have had the opportunity to review the assessing information in question in advance of the meeting, saving time for both our employees and the public.

These changes will not only reduce the City's overall costs, they will allow us to provide better and more convenient customer service.

Economic Development

Lincoln Jeffers, Director

Developers Boot Camp- LAEGC, in partnership with the Cities of Lewiston and Auburn, will be hosting a two-day boot camp for individuals seeking to improve their communities by becoming a small scale developer. Small scale projects are a great place to start revitalizing neighborhoods and there are no better investors in Lewiston than the people that live here and are committed to seeing the community thrive. Led by John Anderson, this hands-on workshop will be held September 28th and 29th. More details on registration and pricing will be released in August.



CMP & Maine Power Reliability Program- Central Maine Power Company (CMP) will soon begin work on the installation of a new 115 kilovolt transmission line, Section 255, to address reliability concerns in the Lewiston-Auburn area. Section 255 is a component of the Maine Power Reliability Program (MPRP), a 440-mile reliability upgrade to Maine's bulk power system. The majority of the MPRP was approved by the Maine Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in 2010 and is now complete. Section 255, along with the new Middle Street Substation and Section 256, a 115 kilovolt underground line between Chapel Street and the Lewiston Lower Substation near Strawberry Patch Lane, were deferred for further study, and were approved by the PUC in the summer of 2013.

The line will be installed between the Gulf Island Substation on the Androscoggin River and a new substation to be constructed adjacent to Middle Street in Lewiston. In Lewiston, the line will be constructed in a corridor on the south side of Boxer Island, adjacent to Riverside Cemetery, and along the Pan Am railroad corridor between the cemetery and the new substation to be built between Middle and Chapel Streets.

This project will improve the reliability of the existing system and provide the necessary capacity to accommodate a wide range of future development possibilities in the downtown area as well as in business parks in Lewiston and neighboring communities. Additionally, replacement of the

Lewiston Steam Substation will turn a highly desirable parcel of land over to the City for future development and further advancement of the Riverfront Island Master Plan.

Public involvement representatives will be conducting door to door outreach to abutting property owners and nearby residents this summer. Informational materials will be left for residents who are not home at the time of the visit. Residents are encouraged to contact CMP through their toll-free hotline at: 1-866-914-1944 or by sending an email to info@mainepower.com, should they have any questions. More information on the Maine Power Reliability Program can be found by visiting www.mainepower.com.

Loan Programs- With the goals of growth, redevelopment, and job creation, the City of Lewiston offers a number of grant and loan opportunities for targeted areas.

Commercial Rehabilitation Loan Program: A maximum \$50,000 loan at 3% interest rate over ten years to rehabilitate building exteriors, interiors, mechanical systems, and structural repairs.

Life Safety Grant/Loan Program: A maximum \$50,000 half grant half loan, with 1:1 match, is available to encourage private investment that results in the re-utilization and tenancy in the upper floors of taxable privately owned downtown commercial and mixed use buildings.

Facade Grant/Loan Program: A maximum \$50,000 half grant half loan, with 1:1 match, is offered to encourage private investment that enhances the visual aesthetics of the downtown, stimulating economic development through financial incentives to owners of private, taxable, commercial buildings in downtown Lewiston.

Elevator Program: The purpose of the program is to stimulate substantial new private investment in existing multi-story downtown buildings by subsidizing the cost of installing an elevator so as to make the upper stories more accessible and readily available for commercial, office and residential uses. To qualify for the program, the elevator must be located in the program area and serve a single or adjacent multi-story buildings with a combined minimum total of 25,000 square feet of leasable space. The building must be at least three stories high, privately owned, mixed use, and taxable. Grant allowances are based on the amount of new, private investment being made in the property. For each \$3 of investment, the city will grant \$1 toward the acquisition and installation of an elevator. The maximum grant for one project is \$150,000 (to qualify for the maximum grant, an investment of \$450,000 is required).

Additional information regarding the City commercial grant and loan programs can be found on the City's website: <http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/index.aspx?NID=128> or you can contact Misty Parker at 513-3126 Ext. 3230.

Bond Rating and Results of Bond Sale

Bond Sale Results

The City received numerous bids for its bond sale on August 5th. General obligation bonds in the amount of \$8,984,000 were issued to finance a portion of our FY2015 capital improvement projects, two remaining projects from the 2014 LCIP, and the advance refunding of the City's 2008 bond issue. The series, which totaled \$4,989,000 of new bonds, was sold to Janney Montgomery Scott LLC at a true interest cost (TIC) of 2.127%, .46% less than last year's TIC and 1.125% lower than the estimated budgeted amount. The low TIC is directly attributable to selling the bonds as bank-qualified. Bank-qualified bonds must be issued in amounts of less than \$10 million and allow banks to deduct a portion of the interest paid on them from their federal taxes.

Similar to last year's refunding sale, the City was able to reduce the total amount issued by \$135,000 due to the bidder's premium received on the refunding. This is a good problem for the City to have as it reduces the overall outstanding principal and interest balance. The present value savings on the refunding is \$516,458.14 or 13.5% of the refunded principal. The refunding produced a \$597,686.69 cash savings or about \$45,000 per year across all funds.

S&P's Bond Rating Results

Each public bond sale requires us to seek a bond or credit rating prior to the sale date. These services are currently provided by Standard & Poor's (S&P). Their complete credit report containing the City's Credit Profile is attached and also placed on our website, www.lewistonmaine.gov, under the Finance Department heading and the Financial Reports subheading, upon receipt. The City of Lewiston's bond rating was reaffirmed at an AA- with a stable outlook. The report continues to focus on Lewiston's weak local economy as the only, but significant, negative element. Other important rating factors that contributed to the assignment are:

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

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

The City Council and staff have been working in recent years to reduce the debt burden faced by the City. These efforts have included refunding existing debt at lower rates, rapid payoff of bonds, and adhering to the limit established by the Council that debt issued in any year not exceed 80% of the average amount of debt paid over the last three years, we are still faced with what S & P refers to as "moderate debt service" when compared to our expenditures and revenues. However, in its report,

S & P does acknowledge our current rapid debt payoff structure and the substantial savings reaped from paying off the Colisee debt during the last fiscal year.

Other Debt Information

In preparation for the S&P rating presentation, the Finance Director prepared a range of financial information, including the remarkable and significant debt reduction over the past five years shown in the table below:

	FY2010	FY2015
Outstanding Principal	115,856,173	93,521,950
Outstanding Interest	<u>38,283,977</u>	<u>19,485,221</u>
Total	154,140,150	113,007,171
Amount Changed		(41,132,979)
% Changed		-26.7%

The following statistics demonstrates the impact of shortening the period of time over which our outstanding bonds will be paid off:

Direct Debt Payoff

	<u>5 Years</u>	<u>10 Years</u>
Current – Total Debt	47%	81%
Current – General & School	51%	84%
2010 – Total Debt	38%	71%
2010 – General & School	44%	78%

Although all parties have been committed to reducing the debt burden placed upon the Lewiston taxpayers, we must acknowledge the positive impact provided by the market. While not all municipalities have taken advantage of low interest rates and refunded their debt, we have been extremely active in this area since the recession drove interest rates down. The table below demonstrates the present value savings provided by refunding/advance refunding our debt.

<u>Bond Sale Date</u>	<u>Present Value Savings</u>
September 1, 2010	\$718,396
May 23, 2011	\$724,995
February 23, 2012	\$328,020
February 12, 2013	\$3,725,230
April 28, 2014	\$909,972
Colisee Payoff	\$2,081,032
August 5, 2015	<u>\$516,458</u>
	\$9,004,103

Fire

Chief Paul LeClair



July 6th - Golden City Chinese Restaurant, 20 East Ave - Vehicle vs. Building

The driver of the vehicle was suffering from a medical condition at the time of the incident. The impact moved the large wok cooking area across the kitchen, causing a young female in the kitchen to suffer minor burns from hot cooking oil on the stove. The building and kitchen area received significant damage; the restaurant is closed in order to make necessary repairs that will be inspected prior to reopening.



July 18th - 155 Switzerland Road - **Condition Red** - Structure Fire

The call came in at 5:05 AM as a structure fire. Crews arrived on scene to find the building fully involved. The building was vacant and for sale at the time of the fire. The cause of the fire remains under investigation with assistance from the State Fire Marshal's Office and L.P.D.'s Criminal Investigation Division.

(Pictured above left - the condition shortly after arrival; above right shows the destruction following the blaze.)

(Below left is a recent picture of the building before the fire.

Below right are firefighters flowing water onto the smoldering remains of the building.)



The L.F.D. & Local 785 Celebrate Riley's 5th Birthday



On July 28th, the L.F.D. and Local 785 hosted a “Make A Wish” 5th birthday party including birthday cake, Minions, firefighter turnout gear, various gift certificates and fire trucks. Riley fondly calls fire trucks “Whoo Whoos” ~ because of the sound of the sirens he hears as the fire trucks drive by his apartment on their way to a call. Riley has Leigh’s Disease – a rare inherited neuro metabolic disorder that affects the central nervous system. This progressive disorder begins in infants between the ages of three months and three years. The prognosis for children inflicted with this disease is not a good one and has no cure. On hand that day to wish Riley a Happy Birthday was Mayor Bob McDonald (*pictured left*), many members of the L.F.D., his mom, sister and grandparents. Also celebrating a birthday on the 28th was Pvt. Matthew Wiers -(pictured with Riley below). **A very special thank you to the members of Local 785 for their overwhelming generosity. If you’re wondering if Riley enjoyed his party at the fire house~ take a look at the picture below ~his smile says it all.... and more.**



Happy 5th Birthday Riley, we hope you enjoyed your ride home in the Whoo Who!



Lightning Safety

Thunder and lightning storms happen all the time. Know what to do to keep you and your family safe when storms strike!

Safety Tips

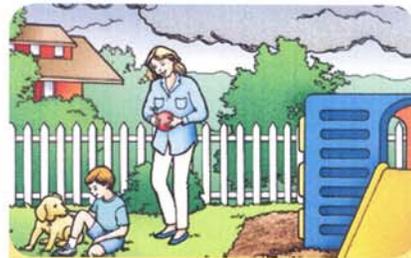
Outdoor Safety

- » If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance of lightning. Look for shelter inside a home, large building, or a hard-topped vehicle right away.
- » Do not go under trees for shelter. There is no place outside that is safe during a thunderstorm.
- » Wait at least 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder before leaving your shelter.
- » Stay away from windows and doors. Stay off porches.
- » There is no safe place outside. Places with only a roof on sports fields, golf courses, and picnic areas are not safe during a lightning storm. Small sheds should not be used.
- » If a person is struck by lightning, call 9-1-1. Get medical help right away.

Indoor Safety

Turn off computers. Stay off corded phones, computers, and other things that put you in direct contact with electricity or plumbing. You can use a cell or cordless phone.

Do not wash your hands, bathe, shower, do laundry, or wash dishes.



FAST FACTS

Lightning may strike as far as 10 miles from any rain.



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

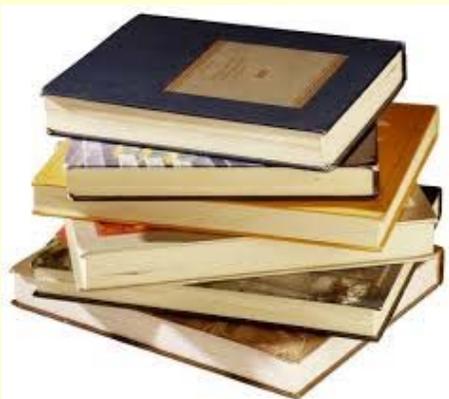
www.nfpa.org/education

LPL on Good Reads



Goodreads & Lewiston Public Library—Together at Last!

See what your neighbors in Lewiston/Auburn are reading! Take polls, answer quizzes, discuss your current reads! Participate in book discussions, see what is on our shelves, and more!



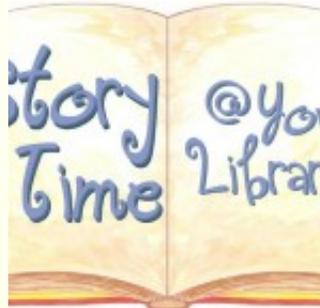
- Adults (14 and up): 7 computers for full use, 1 limited to 15 minutes. *Second Floor*
- Teens (13 – 17): 2 computers. *Second Floor*
- Children (0 – 13): 4 computers. *Third Floor*

Sessions are 60 minutes in length (30 minutes with no library card) and consecutive sessions are only limited by how many people are waiting.

Wireless Internet

Wireless internet (Wi-Fi) is available for free to anyone in the building or the surrounding area. Use of the wireless internet is subject to the same “Acceptable Use” guidelines as our general-use computers.

Kids Department!



Story Time

Every Tuesday at 10:30a
in the Children's Dept. of
the Lewiston Public
Library

A fun activity for
children aged 3-5



Toddler Time

Wednesdays at 10:15a
for children from
18 months to 3 years

Toddlers and their care-
givers are invited to join
us for a half hour of
books, movement and
songs!

Public Computers / General Computer Access

We have 17 computers available for general use.

Planning & Code Enforcement

Gil Arsenault, Director

Planning Board

On July 13th, the Board made a favorable recommendation to the City Council to amend the Zoning and Land Use Code to allow the creation of individual house lots in cases where there are three or more homes (i.e. limited to single-family,



two-family, and three-family dwellings) that were constructed before the enactment of the State Subdivision Law, and where such dwellings are situated on one lot of land. New house lots will be permitted notwithstanding the fact that they will not satisfy current space and bulk provisions.

The Planning Board completed their review of the Draft Comprehensive Plan on July 20th. Staff is compiling all of the Board's comments and suggestions so that they may be reviewed by the Board at a public meeting from which a recommendation will be provided to the City Council to adopt the plan. Staff hopes to have this public hearing scheduled sometime in September.



On July 27th, the Board made a favorable recommendation to the City Council to amend the

Zoning and Land Use Code to provide more flexibility and options for parking associated with childcare facilities. The Board also recommended that the City Council not acquire 2 & 26 Oxford Street.

Enforcement

On July 30th, staff filed the requisite documents with the city attorney to initiate an 80K action (law suit) against the owner (Bank of America) of 211 Stetson Road regarding an excessive amount of debris in the front and side yards.

Two residential properties were condemned via the International Property Maintenance Code, fifteen citations and one solid waste civil penalty was issued.



PERMIT ACTIVITY - JULY 2015

- ◆ 41 building permits with a reported value of \$2,775,942 (no single-family homes were permitted)
- ◆ 13 plumbing permits
- ◆ 41 electrical permits

The highest reported dollar value building permit in the amount of \$2,432,177 was for a stair tower addition and related improvements to the Dominican Block located at 143 Lincoln Street.

PERMIT ACTIVITY - JULY 2014

- ◇ 57 building permits with a reported value of \$493,173 (no new single-family homes were permitted)
- ◇ 11 plumbing permits
- ◇ 37 electrical permits

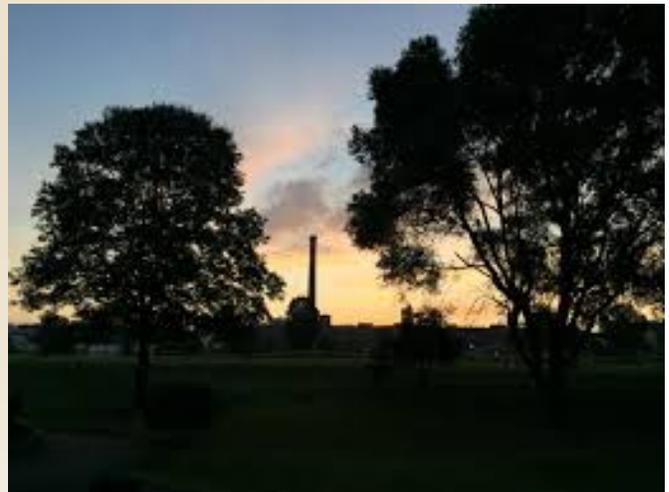
There were no major projects.

Wayfinding Signs

The cities of Lewiston and Auburn are making progress with the installation of wayfinding signs. The intent of this signage is to assist visitors in finding their way to key locations, including our downtown and riverfront. The signage system was designed in conjunction with the City of Auburn and the Androscoggin Land Trust with grants received by the Land Trust to undertake the work. W.S. Sign Design has been selected to manufacture and install the signs throughout both communities. Staff has been working to refine the locations and destinations on the signs and hopes to have installation begin in September.

Simard-Payne Park

The amphitheater and river access in Simard-Payne Park were all but completed by the end of July. Final touches are expected to be completed the first week of August. The improvements are impressive and many positive comments have been received. Give the need for the area to be stabilized with vegetation, the improved area is not available for use at this time. But with the site completed, staff fully expects these improvements to be popular next year with festivals and events in the park. *(see pictures on pages 3 & 4 of this report)*



Police

Mike Bussiere, Chief

Statistics for JULY

A total of 3,549 Calls for Service (CFS) were responded to in JULY 2015. Summary below:

Calls For Service	07/2015
Total CFS	3,549
Vehicle Stops	521
Citations	133
Written Warnings	250
Verbal Warnings	138
Adult Arrests	151
Juvenile Arrests	10
Criminal Summonses	63
Narcotics Arrests	11
OUI Arrests	10
Parking Tickets	530
Fireworks Violations	62

Enforcement

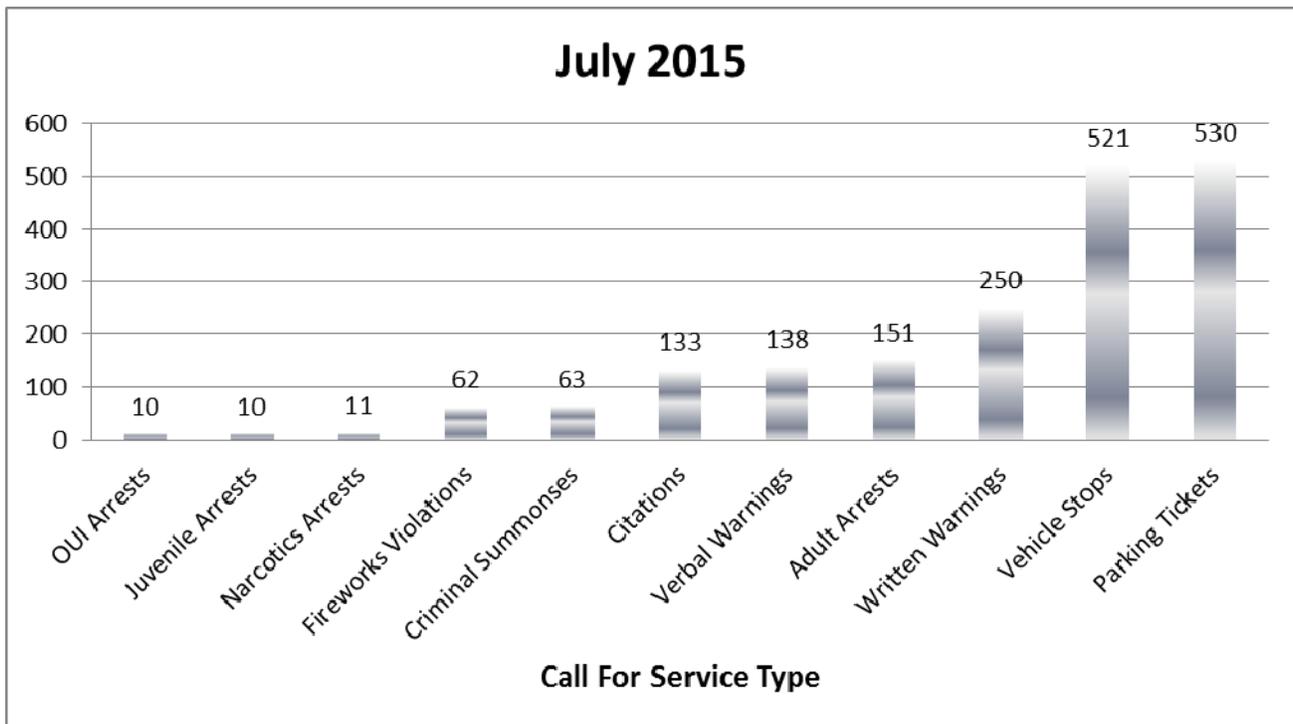
Speeding

In order to address concerns with speed, the radar trailer was placed in five locations over the course of the month. Additional patrol on Stetson Road was in place during July to monitor concerns with speeding. Safety and speed concerns around the Wal-Mart Distribution Center were also addressed.

Other

Various follow-ups were made with landlords regarding code violations and disorderly properties.

Sex offender notifications were made.



JULY Community Events

- ◆ Sergeant R. St. Laurent and Officers Griffin and Weaver spoke with residents of the Barron Ave. and Marcotte Ave. neighborhood who are interested in initiating a Neighborhood Watch.
- ◆ Meetings attended by Lewiston Police during the month of July:
 - Androscoggin Community Collaborative
 - Maine Immigrant Refugee Services Group
 - Tri-County Mental Health regarding the Midnight Program
 - Root Cellar
 - CALEA (The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies).
 - CPPC (Community Partnerships for Protecting Children)
 - Bartlett Street Mosque
- ◆ Community meetings hosted at: Blake Street Towers and Meadowview
- ◆ During July, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) toured Lewiston Police Department and interviewed multiple personnel from all levels of staff. Sergeant St. Laurent and Officers Griffin, Philippon, and Weaver met with several of LPD's community contacts providing them with contact information for CALEA's assessors in order to speak with them about community relationships with Lewiston Police Department.
- ◆ Officers Philippon and Weaver chaperoned kids from Hillview at Range Pond State Park.
- ◆ Officers Philippon and Griffin talked to children from Head Start, located on Bates Street, about safety. Students thoroughly enjoyed the touch-a-car portion of the officers' visit.





Yearly, on July 23rd, Lewiston Police hosts the David Payne Memorial Run. This year was the 6th annual run to commemorate Officer David Payne whose End of Watch was July 23, 1988. The 7.2 mile run begins on River Road in Lewiston where Officer Payne was killed in the line of duty and ends at his gravesite in Auburn. Sworn personnel who ran this year were: Deputy Chief O' Malley, Lieutenant Cornelio, and Officers Chamberlain, Fecteau, Kris Gagne, D. Jacques, and J. Johnson. Other participants included various retired LPD personnel and runners from other police agencies. The runners were escorted by Sergeant Randy St. Laurent and Maine's End of Watch car.



The Lewiston Police Department paused to remember Officer Paul Simard who lost his life 57 years ago, on July 7, 1958. Officer Simard was shot and killed while responding to a report of a domestic disturbance where shots had been fired. When Officer Simard arrived, he confronted a 14-year old female who shot and killed him. Officer Simard was survived by his wife and two daughters. On July 7, 2015, Officer Jason Johnson organized the placement of Officer Simard's memorial cross in Sabattus near the location where he lost his life. (Pictured above L to R) Sgt. Lachance, Sgt. Theiss, Lt. Higgins, Ofc. J. Johnson; (back row) Officers C. Jacques, Philippon, Hood, and

JULY Training

- ◇ Officer Philippon instructed spike mat deployment for all shifts
- ◇ As part of officers' training, various policies and procedures are reviewed regularly. In July, policies reviewed included:
 - Canon of Ethics
 - Victim & Witness Assistance
 - Use of Polygraph
- ◇ Several sworn personnel attended Hostage Negotiator training:
 - Corporal Kavanagh and
 - Officers Beauparlant, Kevin Gagne, C. Johnson, D. Michaud, and Rousseau.
- ◇ Officers Lacombe and Martin are working on re-certifications for the Intoxilyzer.
- ◇ Officer J. Johnson continued to complete Taser re-certifications for both old and new units.
- ◇ Officer Provost attended Hazmat training.



JULY Recruitment

- ◆ Officer Philippon spoke with several individuals regarding recruitment and employment.

Public Works

David Jones, Director

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Summer construction and vacation time are well underway!
Here is just a sample of what Public Works had going during the month:

Street/Road & Sidewalk Improvement Projects:

Crews completed the following:

- The Pleasant St. resurfacing project (East Ave to Jill St. was completed – placing nearly 700 tons of asphalt;
- Street sweeping for the entire city was completed on July 16th. Maintenance sweeping in the downtown area continues;
- Storm drain repairs were completed in 33 areas including culvert, catch-basin, and manhole repairs;
- Catch-basin cleaning continues with the Vac-All truck out every day to meet regulatory requirements; *(see photo)*
- Bradbury Rd., Chadbourn Rd., and East Ave Extension (gravel roads) were regraded;
- The traffic crew oversaw the contractor street striping and continued painting traffic arrows, stop bars, and crosswalks when their night shift began on July 22nd;
- Tree removal and pruning was completed at 13 locations;
- The Landscape crew continued planting flower beds at 12 locations throughout the city;
- Roadside mowing continued at 14 locations;
- Athletic fields were mowed and groomed, litter pickup and lining for games continued on a daily basis;
- Graffiti removal was completed at the Kennedy Park Skate Park, which required closing the facility for two days;

- Litter vacs were in the downtown area daily and in the parking garages every Tuesday;
- Responded to 225 Dig Safe stormwater piping location requests;
- Miscellaneous services did various work including: painting sand boxes for next winter, painting railings at Dufresne Plaza, painting the backboard at Pettingill Park, repairing railing at Park St. Alley, repairing and painting dugouts at Randall Rd. ball-fields, repairing the basketball hoop at River Valley and cleaning No Name Pond Cemetery;



Catch basin repair on Spring St.



Tree Pruning in Parks

Status update on contracted projects:

- The Riverfront Amphitheater and River Access project is almost complete with only the electrical lighting remaining which will be done during the first week of August. The trees, perennials shrubs, and hydro-seed have been installed so the entire site should be looking green very soon!
- The Hart Brook Water Quality Restoration project in the Lewiston Industrial park is now complete;
- Oxford Street Rehabilitation project is currently being advertised and involves new pavement, curb and sidewalk between Cedar St. and Beech St. and is expected to be completed by November;
- Lisbon St. Rehab (Chestnut to Main St.) project was approved by MDOT but was delayed to spring 2016, such that the work can be completed in one construction season;
- The Main Street MDOT project between Memorial Ave to Stetson Rd. (0.57 mile) with replacement of Stetson Bridge continued. Issues with the sheet piling will result in a temporary bridge being installed and will

likely delay completion of the project until late October;

- The Lisbon St. MDOT project, which will mill and repave Lisbon St (Westminster St. to Strawberry Patch Rd.) continued with paving being completed from Strawberry Patch to Martin Drive. Work continues on the rest of Lisbon St. and the ramps to and from A.A. Plourde Parkway;
- The Pond Road Rehab was completed with more than 1,100 tons of asphalt being placed in July;
- The Park St Rehab project is being advertised with construction expected to begin in August and be completed in October;
- MTA Bridge and Mainline improvements to the Lewiston Interchange project continues with CPM Constructors continued with abutments being placed for the new bridge for the south-bound lanes;
- Design is just starting on the MDOT/FHWA approved Bartlett St (East Ave to College St) project, which will include road rehab and pedestrian improvements on this important roadway;
- The 2nd phase of the Sabattus St. Traffic Signal project is scheduled to be advertised in August with construction to be completed in winter/spring of 2016;
- The field work for the pavement management program continues. This will help prioritize street paving. The project includes software installation, tie in with GIS and physical classification of the streets. The result will be a method to manage, plan and prioritize street maintenance annually.



Water, Sewer, and Stormwater

Construction projects and studies update:



- ◆ Hart Brook Water Quality Restoration Phase 1 project is nearly complete with only punch list items remaining. The project installed three-stormwater bio-filtration units and a nutrient separating baffle box to provide stormwater treatment for Hart Brook in the Industrial Park;
- ◆ The 2015 Sewer Condition Assessment contract with Ted Berry Co. (~\$194,000) continues and will inspect ~146,000 LF of sewer pipes and nearly 700 manholes.
- ◆ The 2015 Water Main Replacement - St. Laurent and Son completed replacing 3,850 feet of 6" water mains with new 8" mains on Glenview Ave, Delcliffe Lane, Maplewood Rd., Shawmut St. and Bradley St. Only surface paving, loam, seed, and cleanup remain;
- ◆ Sabattus St. Water Main Replacement (Old Greene to North Temple) – The contract was awarded to St. Laurent & Sons and the work is scheduled to begin in August and be completed by November;
- ◆ We continued work for the Clean Water Act Master Plan (CWAMP) efforts and submitted the final 15-year report in July. The report identifies follow-on work for the next 5-year period including some additional separation and inflow reductions;
- ◆ Cure-in-place Sewer Lining - Insituform Technologies will work on installing liners on the Hart Brook X-country interceptor then to Leavitt Ave, Lemont Ave and outer Main St. in early September;
- ◆ Replacement of the River Rd. Sewer Pump Stations – The pre-packaged pump stations are being constructed in Wisconsin. The installation portion of the project will be out for bid in August with installation planned for this fall;
- ◆ The minor clean-up of work on the Jepson Brook Phase 5 of the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Sewer/Stormwater project (seven streets on the south side of Sabattus St. in the Garcelon Bog area) by Longchamps & Sons will be completed in the spring;
- ◆ Hart Brook Sewer Repair – the City's consultant (CES Co.) has submitted a plan & NRPA application for the repair of erosion issues near Goddard Rd. to DEP for permitting. We are working with the MTA to repair the eroded area around our sewer line and their culvert. Construction is expected to take place this fall;
- ◆ Sabattus Street Water Line Replacement from Old Green Rd. to North Temple is advertised. The project is part of a larger program to replace large distribution mains causing significant maintenance and quality challenges;
- ◆ Dumont Ave Water & Sewer Replacement is being designed with a construction contract going out for bid in August with construction completion expected by the end of the year;
- ◆ Sunnyside Area Sewer Separation – Survey work is complete for sewer/storm separation on Spring St., Summer St., Winter St., Bridge St., and Holland St. Design work will be completed this fall for bidding this winter;
- ◆ The Jepson Brook Study evaluated the capacity of the drainage channel and pipes and identified ~\$4 million in maintenance and improvements which would eliminate flooding that occasionally occurs. A final report will be available soon and projects will be developed and included in the LCIP;
- ◆ Strawberry Ave Waterline & Rehab – this project was substantially completed with only surface paving and minor punch list items remaining to be done in the spring.

Work performed by the Water & Sewer crews:

- ◆ Responded to and repaired one water main leak;
- ◆ Responded to 22 customer concerns with all but two completed;

- ◆ Responded to three sewer back-ups and repaired two sewer cave-ins;
- ◆ Responded to 251 DIG SAFE requests for water and sewer main locates;
- ◆ Completed installation of new water services on Jefferson St. and Birch St. and the paving was completed;
- ◆ Dewatered, cleaned, chlorinated and put one tank back in service at Webber Ave and one tank at Ferry Rd.;
- ◆ Repaired 10 failed manholes;
- ◆ Lowered 17 water main gate valve boxes and 12 manholes for paving on several streets;
- ◆ Repaired four fire hydrants that were not working properly, reported by the Fire Department and flushing crew;
- ◆ Installed two new manholes on Lisbon St. to support the sewer lining project;
- ◆ Began replacing 3000' of water main on Barron, Dove, Marcotte and Germaine Sts.;
- ◆ Kept up with mowing and trash pick-up around all utility grounds including the boat launch and rest areas around Lake Auburn, two reservoir properties, water pumping, and sewer lift stations and the Hydro facility;
- ◆ Continued to progress on the water valve program, and the sewer flushing program;
- ◆ Continued daily water meter readings and changed out 26 meters as part of the meter program.



Solid Waste Division

- ◇ During the month of July, 195 truck loads of Demo Waste, generated through ReEnergy, were disposed of at the City's landfill.

Total tonnage for July – 5,674

Total tonnage to date – 10,324

- ◇ 218 truck loads of Single Stream Recyclable Material were delivered to Casella's sorting facility.

Total inbound tonnage for July - 2,301

- ◇ Staff were trained on the version 10 upgrade to the Scale Management System. A unique feature of this upgrade will be the ability to export billing data directly into MUNIS. The anticipated installation of the software is early August;
- ◇ Prepared an RFP for the Retrofit of the Solid Waste Facility's Storm Water Detention Pond. Bid Date – August 13;
- ◇ Assisted the Finance Dept. & Code Enforcement through daily surveys of multi-unit apartment property owners who have not paid the City for curbside trash collection services.

Recreation Division

Programs:

- Camp Smiles is still going strong! For the third year in a row, Camp Smiles has hosted campers from the YWCA's summer camp for a Game Day! Dodgeball, Tug-o-war, and Jump-the-River were played with gusto! *(pictures on the next page)*





Camp Smiles Game Day

- Recreation staff members have begun the hiring process for fall programs.
- Don't miss out on **Pickleball** - now through September 1!

Armory Events

- The end of Ramadan was observed with an Eid Prayer service on July 17th
- Summer Track continues with meets at Topsham, Edward Little, and Poland
- Youth Tennis (*below*) will run through August 13th. Older players have participated in matches at Kents Hill



Upcoming August Events

Lewiston & Auburn Recreation Departments present:

WEDNESDAYS in the Park

A Celebration of our 36th Year!

All Performances begin at 10:00 a.m. sharp, rain or shine!

Rain location: Lewiston Armory, 65 Central Ave Lewiston



Auburn - Hasty Gymnasium, 48 Pettengill Park - August 12th:

Hoot N' Annie

Hoot 'n Annie have delighted audiences around the world with their mix of traditional American music, folk songs and humor. They are multi-instrumentalists and vocalists, and between them play the banjo, fiddle, accordion, clarinet, ukulele, cello, drums, washboard, nose flute, slide-whistle, washtub bass, jaw harp, and musical saw. Most times they play a few instruments at once. With various parts of their bodies. While telling jokes, doing magic tricks, or getting you up dancing!

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- Past Time Club
- Rooper's

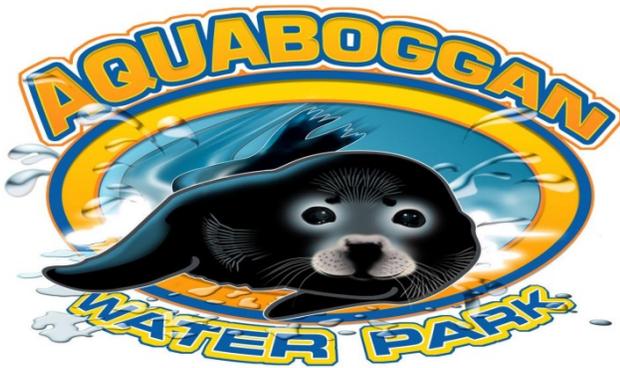
This event would not be possible without your support!

Discount tickets can be bought at the REC Department - more information on the next page.

FUNTOWN Splashtown U.S.A.

COMBO PASSES ONLY \$27

Funtown/Splashtown USA combo passes - \$27 each. That is a \$9 savings from the \$36 regular gate admission price.



GENERAL ADMISSION ONLY \$15

Aquaboggan Water Park general admission passes are \$15 each. That is a \$5 savings from the regular gate admission price. That is a \$5 savings from the regular gate admission price. This pass entitles you to all day unlimited use of all pools, slides and mini-golf.

**RECREATION:
WHERE THE FUN IS!**



Wellness Information & Updates



The 2015 Hunt has sparked a lot of attention – we have 54 participants competing. Given the Wellness Team’s participation in this activity, our City Administrator Ed Barrett pulled names for **WEEK 1 Winners**.

Case of Water:

Elaine Brackett (S.S.), Mike Laliberte (Fire), Trudy Duval (Finance), Jason Hankin (Rec), Lauren Shaw (PW)

Picnic Blanket:

Paul Leclair (Fire), Lila Minkowsky (Police), Sue Wiers (Finance)

Picnic Cooler:

Elaina Sessions (Library), Derrick St. Laurent (Police), Dave Beaulé (Fire)

4-Pack Seas Dogs Tickets: Misty Parker (Econ. Dev.), Rose Dufour (PW), Erica Soiett (City Clerk), Sandy Brown (Police)

\$25 Sparetime Recreation Bowling Gift Card:

Debbie Clark (PW), Mike Gagnon (PW), Tina O’Connell (S.S.), Phil Brienza III (PW)

4-Pack Sabattus Disc Golf Gift Card:

Amy Blasidell-Pechmonova (Police), Nate Landry (PW), Mike Danforth (PW), Kevin Gagne (PW)

Congratulations to all! Have fun trying new scavenger activities and remember to log them and take pictures.



WEEK 2 Winners

Case of Water: Jeff Baril (Code), Bruce McKay (Fire), Sue Ricker (Assessing), Beth Wulleman (Library), Tim Earle (MIS)

Picnic Blanket: Trent Beaulé (Fire), Danielle Fortin (Library), Lincoln Jeffers (Econ. Dev.), Allison Pease (City Clerks), Joline Boulay (Code)

Picnic Coolers: Nicole Lussier (Assessing), Ryan Barnes (Engineering), Sue Reny (Code), Don Mailhot (Admin.)

\$15 Gift Certificate to Top-it Frozen Yogurt Bar:

Beth Witas (Finance), Kristy Sheehan (Finance), Adam West (PW), Heather Hunter (Finance)

\$25 Axis Foods Gift Certificate:

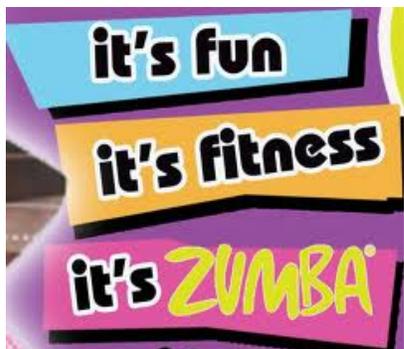
Rick Speer (Library), Linda Boucher (Finance), Chris Fournier (Fire), Joline Banaitis (Recreation)

\$25 Taber’s Gift Certificate:

Tammy Bureau (Finance), Kelly Thompson (S.S.), Allen Ward (Finance), Marcela Peres (Library)



Healthy



August 24th at 5:00p at Callahan Hall

If you’ve ever wanted to try **Zumba** now is your chance! Mike Laliberte from the Fire Department is the instructor, and does a great job - the class is really fun.

No sign-up is necessary to attend - just show up in comfy clothes, sneakers and bring a water bottle.