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## Greetings from the City of Lewiston

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

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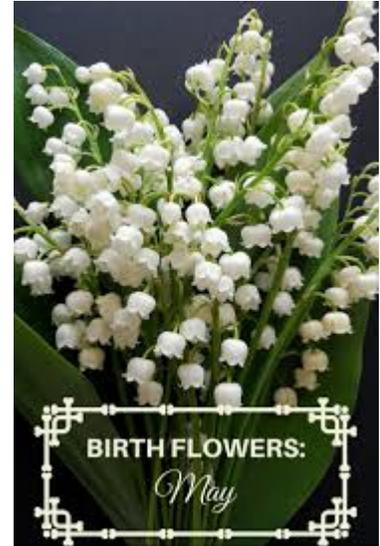
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# May



# Items of Interest

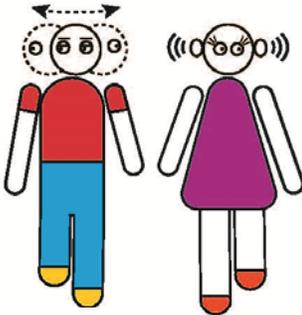
PEDESTRIAN SAFETY FORUM, MAY 15th

## Be A Safe Walker

Walking is a healthy and fun way to get where you are going.

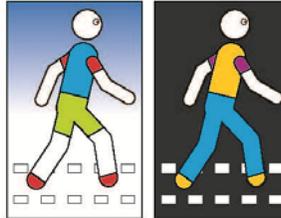
[ Here are some tips so you can walk safely. ]

### 1 Be Alert, Look & Listen



- "Always look all ways" when walking.
- Use your eyes and ears to watch and listen for cars, trucks, bicycles, and other pedestrians.

### 2 Be Seen, Day or Night



- It can be difficult for drivers to see you walking - wear bright, white, or light-colored clothing.
- Wear reflective clothing and carry a flashlight or blinking light at night.
- Watch for cars backing or pulling out of driveways, alleys, or near snow banks, where it is especially difficult for drivers to see.

### 3 Use Sidewalks

- Use sidewalks.
- If there is no sidewalk, walk on the left side of the road facing traffic.
- Plan safe walking routes with your parents or another adult.

### 4 Cross with Care

- Stop, look left, look right, and look left again, before crossing a road.
- Cross at a crosswalk whenever you can.
- At traffic lights, wait for the white "WALK" sign to light up and then look left, right and left again before crossing.
- Watch for turning cars at all intersections, even if the walk signal is lit.
- "Wait, Watch, and Wave" - be certain to wait until ALL cars have stopped in ALL the lanes, and the drivers have seen you before you cross.
- Be predictable - don't run into the street for any reason.
- When crossing with others, make your own decision if it is safe for you to cross.



When we all practice safe walking it is easy to be safe, get good exercise, and have fun!

# Be A Safe Bike Driver

Riding your bicycle can be great fun. But do you know how to “drive” your bike?

[ Riding your bike is just like driving a car - there are rules for bike driving. ]

## 1 Wear Your Helmet the Right Way



*It's the law in Maine to wear a helmet correctly if you are under 16. Do the "Eyes, Ears, Mouth Test™"*

First put on your helmet so it is level and snug — if it slides around, you need to insert thicker pads.

- **EYES** - you should see the very edge of your helmet when you look up past your eyebrows.
- **EARS** - the straps should meet right under your ear lobes to form a Y.
- **MOUTH** - the strap should be loose enough so you can insert no more than two fingers between the buckle and your skin. It should be tight enough that if you drop your jaw you can feel the helmet pull down on the top of your head.

## 2 Dress Bright & Tight for Safety



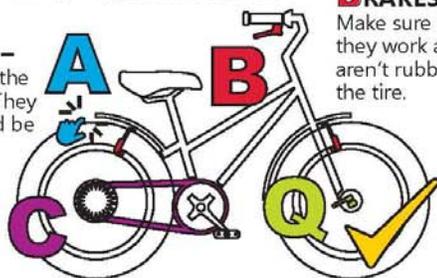
- Wear light or bright-colored clothing so you can be seen.
- Tuck away shoelaces, strings or cords so they don't dangle ~they may get caught in the moving parts of your bike.
- Loose or baggy clothing can also be dangerous ~so make sure you wear snug clothes.
- Avoid wearing headphones.
- Never wear flip flops.

## 3 Check Your Bike for Safety

Check it yourself before biking with the

### ABC Quick Check:

**AIR** - Pinch the tires. They should be hard.



**CRANK/CHAIN** - If there are problems with your gears or if the chain is loose, take your bike to a bike shop.

**QUICK CHECK** - Check "quick release levers" and other bolts to make sure they are tight.

*Have your bike checked at least once a year at a bike shop.*

**BRAKES** - Make sure they work and aren't rubbing the tire.

## 4 Obey the Rules of the Road



LEFT

RIGHT

STOP

( Back View of Bike Driver )

- Ride on the right side of the roadway with traffic.
- Use hand signals when turning or stopping.
- Ride single file.
- Obey traffic signs, signals, and laws.
- Ride straight — no surprises!
- Look back and signal before turning.
- Yield to people walking.
- Use lights if riding at night (remember to ask your parents for permission).
- Always stop at the end of your driveway — look left, right, then left again before entering the road.
- Feel unsafe? You can always walk your bike.

**When we all drive safely and follow the rules of the road, it is easy to be safe and have fun!**

# Improve the Safety of Your Kids



## A Message to Parents

Practicing safe bike driving is a great way for your family to exercise and have fun together. Please set a good example by following all motor vehicle laws (which apply to bikes just as they do to cars), and wearing your helmet properly every time you ride. Helmets are required for bicyclists under 16 and are just common sense for everyone else.

**There is much more to riding a bike than learning to balance. To help your family become safe bike drivers, find an empty street or parking lot to practice these basic skills:**

- Riding in a straight line.
- Stopping quickly without skidding or falling.
- Scanning ahead for obstacles.
- Avoiding hazards (use a soft sponge to represent loose gravel or broken glass).
- Scanning behind by looking back over your shoulder.
- Riding with one hand and signaling with the other.
- Making left and right turns with both hands on the handlebars.



## Be a Safe Motorist

Role modeling safe driving habits in your community helps all of us. Here are the most common ways to keep walkers and people on bicycles safe. **Heads Up! — Safety is a Two-Way Street!**

- Don't rush — that is when crashes happen!
- Slow down and wait for a safe place to pass a bike or walker.
- You must provide at least 3 feet of clearance when you pass a bike or walker.
- Avoid distractions like cell phones, eating or drinking while driving.
- Obey crossing guards and yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. In Maine law, drivers must yield when someone enters a crosswalk.
- Double check for approaching bicyclists before opening your car door.
- Watch for kids crossing the road when you are pulling out, backing out, or turning.
- Do your community a favor and drive the posted speed limit, which also ensures everyone behind you does too.

### The Maine Bicycle And Pedestrian Safety Education Program

For additional information, go to [www.bikemaine.org](http://www.bikemaine.org) or contact the Bicycle Coalition of Maine at (207) 623-4511 or [info@bikemaine.org](mailto:info@bikemaine.org)



**FREE!**  
**SUMMER FUN & FILMS**  
**MIDWEEK MOVIE NIGHTS**  
 with the Lewiston Police



presents

**FAMILY MOVIE SHOW DATES**  
 ALL MOVIES START AT DUSK. MOVIES TBD.

**JUNE 28**

SIMARD PAYNE PARK

**JULY 12**

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH FIELD

**JULY 26**

SOUTH LEWISTON BALL FIELDS

**AUGUST 9**

PETTINGILL SCHOOL PARK

**AUGUST 23**

DROUIN FIELD



**ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES**  
 START AT **6:00 PM**

L/A ARTS  
 COLORING AND JUICE

MR. DREW AND HIS ANIMALS TOO

FUNTIME KIDS ENTERTAINMENT  
 OBSTACLE COURSE & JUMP HOUSE

CELEBRATION CORPORATION  
 10 PERSON PHOTO BOOTH

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**FREE TO ATTEND**



# Economic & Community Development

Lincoln Jeffers, Director

## Top Gun LA Regional Pitch-Off Event

Top Gun is an extensive and intensive program designed to help entrepreneurs grow their business. Designed by the Maine Center for Entrepreneurial Development, Top Gun has helped accelerate growth for dozens of Maine business. Focused on “the Pitch,” participants in Top Gun LA will get a comprehensive review of their business, their strategy, and their Pitch to secure financing, investors, or to close the deal.



The Lewiston Auburn Economic Growth Council (LAEGC) hosted its Top Gun L-A Program Pitch-Off event at the Ramada Inn & Conference Center to mark the completion of LA’s first Top Gun program. According to Chelsea Fournier, Top

Gun LA Program Coordinator, “it has been an honor to be part of the first class of Top Gun entrepreneurs from our local region – the expansion of this program designed by the Maine Center for Entrepreneurial Development into our community is a great marker of the entrepreneurship and innovation going on in our backyard.” The program included 10 substantive sessions with top notch professionals presenting on topics that start-ups need to immerse themselves in as a growing business, including customer discovery, strategic marketing, HR, financing, and legal. An underlying theme of the Top Gun program included teaching the skill of pitching your company and vision – whether it be pitching to investors, pitching to collaborators, or pitching to first clients. The Pitch-Off is a competitive event showcasing the skills and work refined by each entrepreneur over the five-month program.

Six participants of the Top Gun LA program participated in the regional pitch off. Each entrepreneur was provided five minutes to give their business pitch to judges and attendees. Judges selected two regional winners to represent Top Gun LA in the statewide Pitch showcase the following month. Aaron Hastings & Jared Pinkham representing Grojo, Inc, a secure, connected device that helps indoor growers control, monitor, and respond to alerts from their indoor gardens, and Dianna Pozdniakov of Sofia Fima, handcrafted luxury leather handbags for the professional mom, were selected as the two regional winners to represent Top Gun LA. At the statewide Pitch showcase in June, Grojo, was awarded the Microsoft Top Gun prize that included a suite of services valuing \$120,000.



## Art Walk Season Begins

Art Walk began for the season on Friday, May 19th, with great weather and good crowds. This year, the Art Walk moved to the third Friday of each month, extending the season through December. The move better aligns the Art Walk with other area Art Walk events in hopes of attracting more art enthusiasts the Lewiston-Auburn area.

Many Lewiston businesses on and around Lisbon Street participate in the event. Art Walk is a great opportunity to visit the downtown, check out new artwork, and visit many of our great dining establishments and businesses. Each participating business, host artists, and/or activities can be found each month on the LA Arts website; check it out for more information:

<https://laarts.org/events/art-walk-lewiston-auburn/>.



## Hartley Block Ground Breaking

Construction on the Hartley Block will begin this fall. The 63 unit, mixed-income, mixed-use building proposed for 145-177 Lisbon Street will break ground October 1<sup>st</sup>. Lewiston based Hebert Construction was awarded the contract. The project was approved by Lewiston City Council spring 2016 and received notice of their award for Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) in December. However, shortly after Maine Housing provided notice of the LIHTC award, the tax credit market dropped, reducing the value of the tax credits and creating a gap in the Hartley Block project budget. With the support of the City, the developer, Maine Housing, and other partners, the financing gap was overcome. The Hartley Block is anticipated to be completed and ready for tenants October 2018.



# Fire

Acting Chief Bruce McKay



On May 3rd at 10:54 PM a 2-alarm structure fire came in for 48 Spring Street. (pictured left)

The fire originated on the 2nd floor of a 3-story apartment building. There were no reported injuries; however six tenants were displaced. The cause of the fire was **improper disposal of smoking materials** and was determined to be accidental.



Pictured above is a bird's-eye view of firefighters testing new hose. All hose is tested and logged as being safe before the hose is placed on trucks and put in service.



On May 15th, a call came into Central Station from Bates College asking the Fire Department to assist in rescuing a family of baby ducklings. With all of the heavy rain that we received, the ducklings unfortunately were swept into a drainage pipe and could not get out on their own. Nine ducklings were brought back to momma duck safe and sound. It was a very happy day for Bates College, the firefighters, and most of all, momma duck. As Megan Metzger put it, *"Thank you for all of the amazing firefighters at Central Station."* No problem, Megan, it was our pleasure!



## Lewiston Firefighters Honor Retirees



On May 24th, the Lewiston Fire Department held its annual retirement banquet at Davinci's. This year's event honored six firefighters who had retired in the past year. The evening was filled with many hand shakes and hugs along with story telling and reminiscing of years gone by. Some of the firefighters in attendance have been retired from the Department for 25+ years and look forward to this yearly reunion. The "oldies but goodies" certainly add a bit of color and flavor to the festivities of the evening. A very special thank you to Retired Chief Michel Lajoie for being the Master of Ceremonies.



**Chief Paul LeClair**



**Lt. Brian Bernier**



**Lt. John Cloutier**



**Pvt. Michael Albert**



**Pvt. Stephen Beaudin**



**Pvt. Richard Dostie**



Lt. William Soucy accepts a Final Alarm medal in honor of his father Pvt. Gerard Soucy who passed away suddenly soon after his retirement from the Fire Department in 1997.



Retiree Lt. Dan Roy, Sr. and his son, former Lewiston Fire Inspector Dan Roy, Jr. are all smiles. Lt. Dan Roy Sr. was the winning recipient of the bell drawn annually at the banquet for those who retired prior to 2002.



Firefighters would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Mayor Robert Macdonald. As Mayor, he has attended the firefighters annual retirement banquet for the past six years. He was a welcomed guest and truly enjoyed stepping up to the podium to roast and toast the retiring firefighters being recognized that evening. The LFD wishes Mayor Macdonald only the best as he completes his final term, and hopes he truly enjoys his days of retirement.



**Lewiston Honor Guard Members Post**



**Keith "K-Mart" Martin Strong**

LFD showed their support at the banquet for PW co-worker Keith Martin in his battle against cancer. Ribbons were sold and Lt. John Cloutier donated his share of the 50/50. Over \$300 was raised to help Keith and his family.

# Lewiston Public Schools

Superintendent Bill Webster



## Dealing with the Tragedy

Everyone in Lewiston is well-aware of the suicide of an LMS student on May 23rd. We grieve for the family and have taken to heart their comments and suggestions. While there were many inaccurate, if not cruel, posts on social media, please know that LMS staff has consistently supported students and met all present district protocols and expectations. We have arranged three venues to cope and learn from this tragedy. These include a community forum on May 25<sup>th</sup> that was hosted by Greg Marley, who heads up the suicide prevention program of NAMI. This event included a presentation on coping with suicide and a forum for parents, students and staff to air concerns and questions. On June 12th, a community forum will be held regarding social media (see below); and later in June, a private meeting will be held with medical and mental health providers and school counselors to reflect on the event, review school protocols, and consider if there are more effective integrated responses that could be implemented. Other programs for the upcoming school year will be assessed.

## Community Forum - Social Media, What Should We Do Differently?

On June 12th, at the Lewiston High School gymnasium. The following panelists will give presentations in an effort to answer the following questions:

- ◆ **How is social media being used?**
- ◆ **What impact is social media having on students?**
- ◆ **What might schools, parents, students, and the community do differently?**

### Panelists:

Facilitator Craig Freshley; Sean Malone, Department of Education (DOE) Digital Learning Specialist who oversees the Digital Citizenship Program; Sarah Ricker, DOE Student Assistance Coordinator who oversees DOE's anti-bullying efforts; Tom Jumper, Lewiston High School student; Larry Gilbert, Jr., Sun Journal Social Engagement Editor; Renee Chabot, Maine Computer Crimes Task Force; and Pam Butler, Lewiston Middle School Assistant Principal.

With audience participation, the goal of the forum is to better protect students from on-line bullying and other social media misuses.

## 2017-2018 Budget Update

Lewiston voters approved our FY8 budget by a vote of 535-298. The advisory question results came as follows:

- ⇒ 292 budget is too high
- ⇒ 356 budget is acceptable
- ⇒ 62 budget is too low

Unfortunately, we are still without a state budget and do not know the level of state support. Some feedback from Augusta has been encouraging, but we are likely still a month away from any certainty. We know that the previously discussed Title I fix must be in the budget if Lewiston is not to face some cutbacks.

## Update on the newly named Robert V. Connors Elementary School

Bids opened on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and we were very excited to see them come in over \$5 million **below budget**. This assured that the project can move forward, and the contract with PC Construction was signed around the middle of the month. All tree cutting has now been completed (with a deadline of June 1<sup>st</sup> to be in compliance with prohibition against cutting in bat habitats between June 1<sup>st</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup>). Earth moving will begin over the next two weeks.

## Assistant Principal Nomination Approved by School Committee

Erik Anderson, present Star Academy Dean of Students, has been named an Assistant Principal at Lewiston Middle School, effective July 1st. Erik is a past participant in our Aspiring Leaders Program, and we continue to have a pool of strong internal candidates from which to select our future administrators. Other districts have observed this as well; and this year, three administrators will be approved for principal positions in other districts.

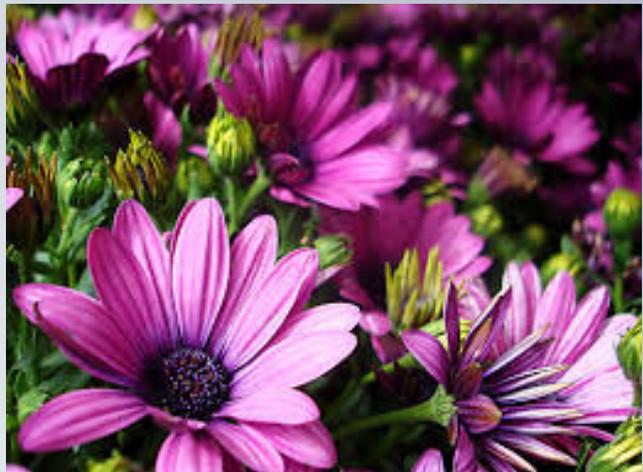
## 2017-18 School Calendar Correction

The calendar initially issued had an incorrect date for the 2018 Lewiston High School graduation. **The graduation will be on Friday, June 8, 2018.**

## Tweets and Facebook Entries -

Follow me on Twitter @LewistonSuper or on Facebook at *Lewiston Public Schools Superintendent*.

May 3	We have so many great teachers, and one, Nesrene Griffin, has been named Andros-coggin Teacher of the Year.
May 9	Last night the School Committee honored Marnie Morneault for her PTO work at Martel and LMS and for her service on many district committees.
May 11	Congrats to our educators Abby Dix of Farwell and Jake Langlais of LMS for making the UpLift LA 40 under 40 List.
May 11	A big thank you to Rainbow Federal Credit Union for their donation today of playground Buddy Benches to Montello and Geiger.
May 12	Today Bates College is hosting the Maine Special Olympics. Great seeing our schools giving our participants rousing send off this morning.
May 15	Lewiston Adult Ed receives the "Commitment to Service" award by the Community Financial Literacy in Portland.
May 19	I love those giraffes given out today for the Giraffe Awards. Congrats Longley Principal Kristie Clark & 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Director Jenn Carter.
May 22	LHS Teacher Gerencer accompanied Abdul Mohamed & Abdi Bade to meet DOE Commish Hasson. They have been named to State Youth Advisory Council.
May 22	The School Committee sets future regular meetings to begin at 6:30 pm in the Dingley room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor of the Dingley Building.
May 26	Jayden's Place was dedicated yesterday. Come sit by the bench in Sunnyside Park, corner of Winter and Whipple, and reflect.



# Planning & Code Enforcement

Gil Arsenault, Director

## Planning Board

### The Planning Board took the following actions at its meeting of May 22, 2017:

- Site plan review approval was granted to Guggenheim Real Estates Partners, Inc. for the construction of a fuel facility, restaurant with drive-thru window, and carwash at 449 Sabattus Street (south west corner of Sabattus and East).
- The Board voted to send a favorable recommendation to the City Council for the disposition of 502 Lisbon Street. This is a 5,000 square foot vacant lot located adjacent to the Public Theatre on the corner of Lisbon and Maple. The Theatre is requesting the land to construct an atrium bump-out on the Lisbon Street side of its building. That atrium is designed to provide a location within the Theatre building for small meetings and events, while improving the look of the building.
- Approval was granted for an amendment to the Leblanc three-lot subdivision involving the property located at 610 Webster Street.

## Staff Review Committee

- The committee granted approval to TMolds Plus Machining to construct a machine shop at 500 Lincoln Street.

## Historic Preservation Review Board

- On May 1st, the Board granted a Certificate of Appropriateness for the replacement of an exterior grade level side entry door at 11 Sabattus Street (i.e., the Kora Temple Shrine building).

## Board of Appeals

- On May 3, the Board conducted a hearing on the administrative appeal filed by 255 North Bardwell, LLC regarding notices of violations that were issued by the Lewiston Fire Department

and the Department of Planning and Code Enforcement with respect to the operation of an “illegal” lodging house at 255 North Bardwell Street. The Board made findings of fact and conclusions of law on said date and on May 17<sup>th</sup> reconsidered its May 3<sup>rd</sup> decision and issued its final decision. The Board denied the appeal of North Bardwell, LLC (i.e., it upheld the Fire and Code notices of violations).

## Enforcement Action

- In May, there were two contempt of court - 80K law suit hearings in the District Court regarding International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) violations at 182 Blake Street and 275 Bates Street.
- In addition to the above court action, two (solid waste civil penalties were issued and two (2) buildings were condemned via the IPMC.

## PERMIT ACTIVITY

### MAY 2017

- 80 building permits with a reported value of \$2,249,721 (three new single-family homes were permitted)
- 9 plumbing permits
- 44 electrical permits

Permits with values of over \$250,000 include: \$1,100,000 for an adolescent behavioral unit, 95 Campus Avenue, St. Mary's Health Care; and two single-family homes valued at \$280,000 each at 5 & 7 Bob's Way (a frontage right-of-way located off Randall Road.)

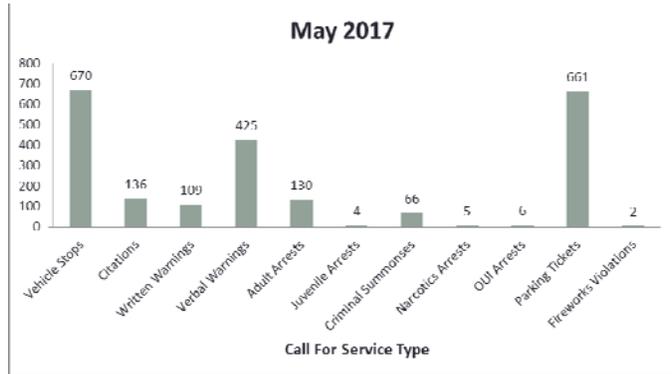
### MAY 2016

- 88 building permits with a reported value of \$8,632,518
- 11 plumbing permits
- 54 electrical permits

# Police

Chief Brian O'Malley

Calls For Service	MAY 2017
<b>Total CFS</b>	<b>3,689</b>
<b>Vehicle Stops</b>	<b>670</b>
<b>Citations</b>	<b>136</b>
<b>Written Warnings</b>	<b>109</b>
<b>Verbal Warnings</b>	<b>425</b>
<b>Adult Arrests</b>	<b>130</b>
<b>Juvenile Arrests</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Criminal Summonses</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>Narcotics Arrests</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>OUI Arrests</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Parking Tickets</b>	<b>661</b>
<b>Fireworks Violations</b>	<b>2</b>



## Training

- ◇ Lieutenant St. Pierre and Sergeant D. St. Laurent attended "Public Access to Public Records," Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) training hosted by the Biddeford Police Dept.
- ◇ Officers Philippon and Weaver attended HAZ-MAT training

## Recruitment

- ◆ Officers spoke with several individuals regarding recruitment and employment
- ◆ Officers participated in mock employment interviews for students attending Central Maine Community College and enrolled in the Law Enforcement program
- ◆ A high school senior attending Poland High School shadowed an officer of the Community Resource Team

## Enforcement

- A city-wide initiative was implemented to ensure that all residential buildings, apartment buildings, and commercial buildings are numbered appropriately-per City code
- Officers conducted traffic enforcement throughout the city to address resident concerns, deploying the radar trailer on Montello Street, Grove Street, and College Street
- Sex offender notifications were distributed
- Sergeant R. St. Laurent and Officer Meserve conducted patrol on bicycles focusing on quality of life issues
- There were several liquor details throughout May focusing on underage purchasing, possession, and/or consumption of alcohol. Liquor license and compliance checks were also conducted
- Officer Weaver performed two polygraph tests to assist with criminal investigations
- CRO officers patrolled with focusing on violations of City ordinance
- Operation Hot Spots detail in May resulted in multiple arrests and the seizure of several firearms, large sums of money, and illegal drugs

## Community Events



Several officers took part in the National Bike-to-School Day. While some officers assisted with traffic control and street crossing, other officers escorted the children riding their bicycles.

### Meetings attended:

- ◆ Masijudul Salaam Mosque
- ◆ Common Ties Board meeting
- ◆ New Mainer Community Collaborative
- ◆ Immigrant and Refugee Integration
- ◆ Lewiston-Auburn Alliance for Services to the Homeless (LAASH)
- ◆ Community Partnership for Protecting Children (CPPC)
- ◆ Healthy Androscoggin
- ◆ Tri-County Mental Health re: Opioid Crisis
- ◆ Unified L/A re: Immigrant Rights and Interactions with Law Enforcement
  
- CRO officers hosted “Coffee With a Cop” at Blake Street Towers, Frye School Apartments, and Oak Park Apartments
  
- Officers attended Hillview’s Neighbor Night
  
- Officers attended DARE graduation at Geiger Elementary and chaperoned a field trip for DARE essay award winners
  
- Officers volunteered their time to instruct for the Citizens’ Police Academy
  
- Officers attended Bates College graduation ceremony, a meet and greet at Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice, the annual Touch-A-Truck event, the Memorial Day parade, and a suicide presentation at the Green Ladle
  
- The Lewiston PD & the Boy Scouts of America hosted a bike rodeo at the Androscoggin Bank Coliseum where approximately 60 children participated
  
- Officers attended the Jayden Cho Sargent memorial at Sunnyside Park
  
- Officers attended the Special Olympics Track and Field events at Bates College
  
- Officers presented at the police orientation for Catholic Charities Maine
  
- Officers presented a mock lockdown and active shooter scenario at Lewiston Middle School

# Public Works

Dave Jones, Director

## Director's Comments:

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

### Street/Road & Sidewalk Improvement Projects

The Highway Division crews completed the following workload:

- ◆ Street sweeping continued with the side streets off Lisbon Street, then Main Street and then Sabattus Street being done in that order this year. We got a late start this year due to the winter snow and little to no spring. There is both a day and night crew trying to get the work done. Sidewalk sweeping was completed in May;
- ◆ Our two hotboxes have steadily addressed potholes throughout the city;
- ◆ The catch basin Vector cleaned basins 21 days of the month;
- ◆ Storm drain, catch basin and manhole repairs were completed at ten locations;
- ◆ Installed soft bollards on Ash Street at Bartlett, set up voting booths for the May 9 school budget vote, prepared and installed mulch for the Potvin Park playground and installed bench and memorial stone at "Jayden's Place" in Sunnyside Park;
- ◆ Responded to 262 Dig-Safe requests for stormwater infrastructure as construction season is here;
- ◆ The traffic Crew painted crosswalks on 11 streets and pre-marked for the striping contractor to do the center lines, lane markings, and edge lines;
- ◆ Our open space crews performed ongoing daily maintenance for game fields, mowing and litter patrol in parks and cemeteries, flushing the water supply for Dufresne Plaza and prep/start-up for Raymond Park;



Potvin Park Playground

- ◆ The Arborist crew planted trees in Pettingill School Park and Sunnyside Park as part of Arbor Week and raked and mulched for planting at various locations around the city;
- ◆ During the rainy weather the crew caught up on annual training to satisfy safety requirements;



**Pettingill Park Arbor Week Tree**

**Contracted projects status update:**

Finally, some paving (shim) work began in May! Shims were completed on Spruce, Scribner, Westminster, College, Stetson,

Hogan, Fair and King with 2,248 tons of asphalt placed. Utility manholes and catch basins are being adjusted and surface paving of these streets is scheduled for June. We also expect to begin work on Willow Circle and Main Street (Riverside Street to Mountain Avenue) in June also;

- ◆ The 2018 paving contract is out for bid and is scheduled for award in June;
- ◆ The crack sealing contract was awarded to ProSeal of Waterville.
- ◆ Lisbon Street Resurfacing (Strawberry Patch to Chestnut Street) – Design is under review by MaineDOT and construction is scheduled to be completed late summer 2017;
- ◆ Main Street - Frye Street Pedestrian Improvements – Maine DOT and the City signed an agreement to improve this location by sharing the costs 50/50. Design has begun and construction is expected spring/summer 2017;
- ◆ Bartlett Street – Design work is complete. MaineDOT will be starting negotiations with property owners to obtain the easements in June. They are still on schedule to have the ROW complete by September 5<sup>th</sup>. To keep



the project as a 1 construction season, we anticipate advertising late fall or winter for a spring/summer 2018 construction;

- ◆ Beech Street Bridge - Design work to replace the bridge to Simard/Payne Park is underway by HNTB. A two-lane pre-fab truss bridge is the recommended replacement option. The project is planned for construction in spring 2018;
- ◆ Paradis Park Stairs - Additional steps are being added to the bottom to help the grade of the sidewalk that connects to the basketball court. As a result, construction has been delayed until the new steps can be fabricated. The project will be done by mid-June.



## Water, Sewer & Stormwater

**Construction projects and studies.**  
The following are being worked:

- Vale Street Neighborhood CSO project – ETTI completed installation of the new storm drain on Vale Street and began work on Central Avenue. They are ahead of schedule and completion is expected in August 2017;
- Frye Street/Mountain Ave CSO Separation & Water Main Replacement – Design is underway and will be bid in the summer of 2017;
- Simard Neighborhood CSO project – survey work is complete and design has begun with a plan to bid the project later this summer;
- North Lisbon Road Storm Drain – A fire hydrant was relocated in preparation for the new storm drain. Construction of the new storm drain will start in June;

### Hart Brook Water Quality Restoration

- **Webster Street Stormwater Treatment System** The project was awarded to LP Poirier and Son and is scheduled to begin construction in mid-June. The system



**Stormwater manhole on Vale Street at Armory**

provides stormwater storage and treatment from approximately 52 acres of drainage area in the Hart Brook Watershed.

- **Hart Brook Water Quality Testing**  
To help prepare the WMP update, DEP, CES, Inc., and LPW Engineers conducted a stream walk of Hart Brook to help strategize the brook's needs. CES, Inc. is working on a Task Order to continue the water quality testing and update the WMP that is almost 10 years old;
- **Cure-in-place Sewer Lining:** Insituform will be coming in on June 12<sup>th</sup> to begin the lining of the Franklin Pasture X-Country sewer;
- **Sabattus Street Sewer -** The Engineering Division began work to replace approximately 650 LF of 12" and 15" sewer on Sabattus Street between Eaton St. and Bradford St. This section of sewer was identified from the sewer inspection program as being in poor condition due to sags and cracked/broken pipe. The project is on hold to investigate other sewer pipe repairs to add to the project to make it more attractive for bidders;
- **Hart Brook Erosion Repair:** The City received all necessary NRPA and Army Corps environmental permits for repair of the erosion problems in Hart Brook near Goddard Rd. The project was coordinated with the MTA and was awarded to St. Laurent and Son. Work

will be completed in July of 2017 as required by the permits;

- Sanitary Sewer Condition Assessment and Asset Management Program – Ted Berry re-started the cleaning and sewer inspection contract that began last fall. Project still continues with heavy amounts of cleaning and some pipe in rough shape (*see pictures below*);



- Brault, Belleview & Blanchette Street Water Main: This project will replace the 60-year old 6" cast iron water main on these streets with a new 8-inch pipe. The project is under construction by St. Laurent and Son and will be completed in June;
- Jepson Brook Channel Rehab - CDM Smith completed the survey and began design work for rehabilitation of the concrete lined Jepson Brook channel between Manning Ave and Brooks Ave. This includes concrete repair/replacement and sediment removal. Construction is planned for late summer.

- Water Transmission Main - CDM Smith is working on a preliminary design for a second river crossing of the water transmission main between Center Street and the Main St Pump Station. This phase of design work will take 9 months to complete and construction is several years away.
- Mountain Ave Water Line - Engineering is finishing design work to replace the 1896 water main on Mountain Avenue from College Street to Main Street along with some sewer separation work, rehab and paving of the entire street, new curb and new sidewalks. This project will go to bid in June for construction this summer.
- Old Lisbon Rd Water Line - Engineering is finishing design work to replace 3,200 feet of 1930 era water main along with reconstruction of the street from Old Webster Road to the Maine Turnpike. Construction is scheduled for later this summer.

#### Work performed by the water & sewer crews included:

- Crews responded to one main leak;
- Crews responded to 210 Dig-Safe requests;
- Crews responded to 24 Customer Service calls;
- Crews completed a number of repairs to sewer pipes identified by the TV inspections, with a number of others still needing attention;
- Crews continued to replace and repair manholes due to age or depressions in the roadway or cracks in the pavement causing the covers to come loose;
- Crews continued to flush and inspect sewer lines as part of the sewer cleaning program;
- Crews continued to change out and test water meters due to age & PUC guidance;
- Hydrant flushing is now under way cleaning water mains and keeping chlorine residuals up;
- Crews continue to provide support for all the contractors working on city contract jobs throughout the city;

- Crews repaired a cross-country sewer line off Ashmount Street that was severely sagging; (see photos)



Ashmount X-Country Sewer Repair

- Crews have also been providing support for all the contractors working on the Franklin Pasture new school project
- Crews have been busy cutting lawns for utility and watershed properties.

## SOLID WASTE DIVISION

The 2016 Annual Report for the Solid Waste Facility operations was submitted to the MaineDEP as required in Maine's solid waste regulations. Some of the key points discussed in this report include:

- ◇ Revisions to the Solid Waste Facility's operations manual, environmental monitoring plan (ground water monitoring) and stormwater pollution plan. These changes are necessitated due to changes in operations and/or changes in State regulations.
- ◇ A summary of routine facility inspections and maintenance activities at the landfill and solid waste facility.
- ◇ A summary of the recycling activities, household hazardous waste and universal waste managed by the facility and household garbage disposed at Mid Maine Waste Action Corp.
- ◇ A summary of waste disposed at the facility's landfill (17,284 yds of solid waste in 2016) and the remaining capacity at current disposal rates (31 years of disposal capacity).
- ◇ Solid Waste worker, Bob Belanger completed landfill operations training from the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) and sat for the certification exam. Results should be available in July.
- ◇ Lewiston's rate for recycling single stream recyclable waste for May 2017:
  - Lewiston public schools – 9%
  - Residential collection & single stream recyclable brought to the Solid Waste Facility – 12%
  - Commercial & residential single stream recyclable waste collection – 22%

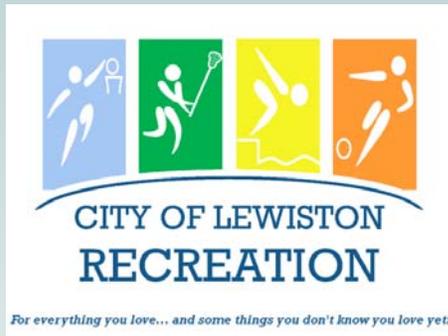
## BUILDING DIVISON

- Received 52 customer concerns
- The crew worked on the PW annex building roof replacing metal roof screws and cleaning up around all City buildings and parking garages;
- The crew also worked on the emergency lighting battery inverter replacement for the Oak & Lincoln St parking garages, replacing carpet in the Auditors' offices, replacement of an overhead door at PW and re-striping the Chestnut, Canal Street and Oak Street

parking garages;

- Contracts were awarded for the City Hall third floor security wall and PW exterior rehabilitation projects. The bid opening for the maintenance painting for Oak St. and Chestnut parking garages is on May 13<sup>th</sup> and we are working on membrane rehabilitation projects for Canal and Chestnut Street parking garages.

## RECREATION DIVISION

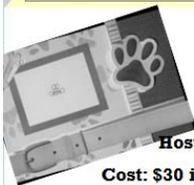


### May Events

**Corinne Saindon** ran another Scrapbooking and Paper crafting day on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

She has quite a following! The next session will be held on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Sign up and pay online, space is limited!

**PAPER CRAFTING AND  
SCRAP BOOKING DAY  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017  
LEWISTON ARMORY DRILL ROOM  
65 CENTRAL AVE., LEWISTON  
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM**



Hosted by Corinne Saindon

Cost: \$30 if pre-register/ \$35 @ the door  
Lunch available to purchase at the event



The **Lewiston Senior Citizens** held a successful fundraiser on May 12<sup>th</sup>. EP Rock is an Elvis impersonator from Sidney, Maine.



### Recreation Programs

#### LACROSSE

The month of May has been a rainy one. With soggy fields, LRD has had to reschedule games, and utilize every possible field for practices and games. None of this would be possible without the field crew, thanks guys!!



#### INDOOR T-BALL

Coach Skip along with instructors Dominik and Deni finished the session on May 20<sup>th</sup>. A total of 33 children participated!

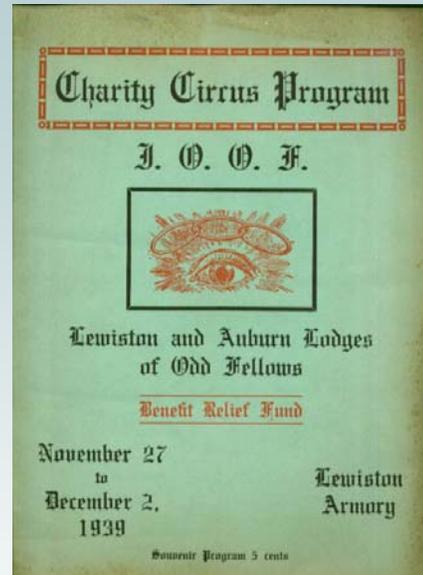
## LEWISTON SPARKS TUMBLING!

Coach Lakota is teaching 22 young ladies how to do forward rolls, cartwheels and round offs. This class is a good start for those children who want to try Sparks Cheering in the fall!



## A BLAST FROM THE PAST!

Check out this program cover from a Charity Circus for the Odd Fellows at the Armory in 1939!



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# Wellness Information & Updates

## Friday Fitness Drawings in May

### Week 4

Personal Trainer Package | Sue Turcotte  
Y-Pool Punch Pass | Allison Pease



### Week 5

Nutrition Counseling Package | Christina Daniels  
Y-Fitness Punch Pass | Rose Dufour

### Week 6

Personal Trainer Package | Kristy Sheehan  
Y-Pool Punch Pass | Rose Dufour



### Week 7

Nutrition Counseling Package | Deb Morin  
Y-Fitness Punch Pass | Connie McCown

