

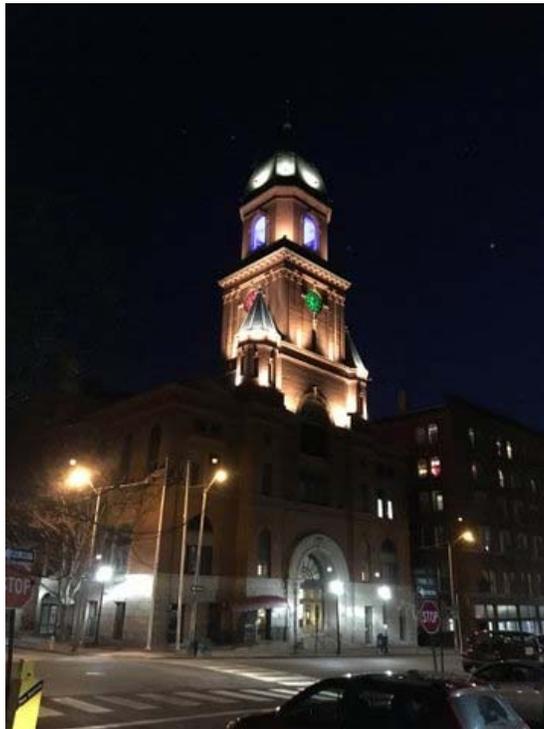
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LEWISTON



December 2019

Newsletter &
Year in Review





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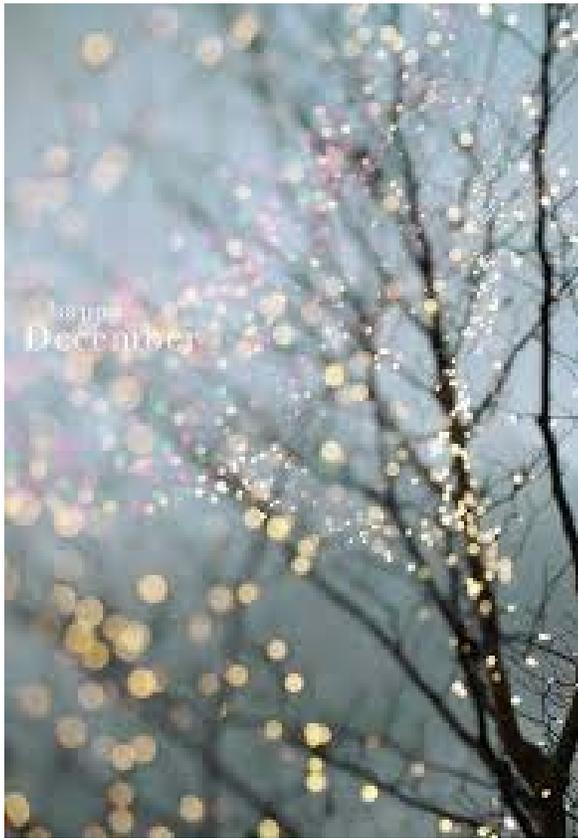
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DECEMBER



Items of Interest

BANNERS

Beautifying our city

Last year, the first edition of our holiday banner set included 17 blue 24x48 banners along Lincoln Street, installed on every other pole. We also installed 14 30x60 blue banners on Main Street.

This winter, 16 gold 24x48 banners on Lincoln Street were added, which allowed banner installation on every pole from Cedar Street to Main Street.

The existing 30x60 banners from Main Street last year were added to Park Street as part of our holiday banner sets.

Twenty five new 30x90 banners, alternating blue and red, were installed on Main Street.

The Longley Bridge banners were updated to the holiday set with four double banners hung on four bridge poles.

And finally, two double banners were added on Ash Street across from the Post Office.

In total, 31 holiday banners were installed in 2018.

In 2019, there are a total 68 holiday banners!

A selection of the 2019 banners are pictured on previous pages.



Tree and Tower



Charlie Hewitt's "Hopeful" sign is installed on the side of Bates Mill No. 5 by workers from Neokraft Signs. The sign, a larger replica of one the Lewiston artist made for Woodfords Corner in Portland, resembles roadside signs from the '50s and '60s.
Andree Kehn/Sun Journal



Twin Cities Holiday Celebration

TWIN CITIES
Holiday Celebration!
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6
 IN BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN LEWISTON & AUBURN

LEWISTON FESTIVITIES:
 3:30PM Hobbiko LEGO Holiday-themed LEGO crafts at Lewiston Public Library, 200 Larkin Street
 4:30PM Santa & Mrs. Claus arrive at Kennedy Park for:
 * LEWISTON TREES LIGHTING
 * FREE photos with Santa!
 * FREE mittens
 * FREE Snacks
 6:00PM Parade of Lights kicks off from staging area on Park Street

AUBURN FESTIVITIES:
 4:00-7:00PM Open House, Woman's Library Union, 79 Elm Street
 6:00PM Story Time & Crafts by Auburn Public Library at City Hall, 60 Court St.
 6:30PM FREE Horse & Wagon Rides & Holiday Music in Festival Plaza Square
 7:00PM Parade arrives, Festival Plaza
 * AUBURN TREES & MEMORIAL LIGHTING
 * FREE photos with Santa!
 * FREE mittens, snacks & hot cocoa
 * FREE dental bags, Maple Way Dental Care
 * FREE Gift from Kohl's and the City of Auburn for kids 10 & under!

SPECIAL THANK TO:
 Maple Way Dental Care
 City of Auburn
 City of Lewiston
 Auburn Business Association
 Dunkin' Donuts
 Kohl's
 Birch Advertising
 Salvation Army
 Celebration Committee

VIEW SCHEDULE & PARADE ROUTE AT:
WWW.AUBURNMAINE.GOV OR
WWW.LEWISTONMAINE.GOV

OUR GENEROUS EVENT SPONSOR:
MAPLE WAY DENTAL CARE



The Spirit of Giving

Employees have annual holiday Jeans Days, donating a minimum of \$3 per week to raise funds for someone in need at Christmas. This year's recipient was

The Store Next Door

at Lewiston High School. The store provides basic needs items for students that would otherwise go without– an amazing outreach to local youth and homeless students. If you'd like to learn more about the project, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0VA1ychjR5Q>.

\$510 was collected

Twenty \$25 gift cards for Walmart were purchased along with one \$10 gift card to Dunkin'.

Thank you all for your heart of generosity!



Christmas

Toys

for

Hope Haven

Below (left) is a photo of the toys presented to Hope Haven by the IAFF Local 785.

Each year, fire fighters go shopping to buy toys for the children living at Hope Haven.

Thank you for your heart of generosity!





Year in Review

2019 Events

Larger Festivals

Baxter Brew Fest
ALA Trek Across Maine & Trek Downtown
World Refugee Day
Liberty Festival
Bates Dance Festival
Great Falls Balloon Festival
Dempsey Challenge
Kora FEZtival of Trees

Walks & Races

Central Maine Heart Walk
Safe Voices 5k to End DV
Trot for Autism
YMCA Fit Fest
LA Bridge Run
Walk to End Alzheimer's
LA Bike Criterium
GAHS Dash for Dogs/ Strutt Your Mutt

Community & Parks

Build Maine
Pride LA
Outdoor Movie Nights
National Night Out
Recreation's Wednesdays in the Park
LPL's Shakespeare in the Park
and at Pettingill Park:
Outdoor Reading & Birthday Parties
Advocates for Children
Daddy & Me BBQ
GAHS Pet Vaccination Clinics
Weddings at the SPP Amphitheater
Employee Field Days
(Community Health Options & Grand Rounds)
Healthy Homeworks
Trash Amnesty & Education
Safe Voices Vigil
Downtown Trick or Treat
Veterans' Events
Wreaths Across America

ARTS

Art Walk LA

Parades

Memorial Day Parade
Parade of Lights & Holiday Celebration

Buy Local

Farmers' Market
Cultivating Community
Good Food Bus
Sparkle Saturday



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TREK ACROSS MAINE
CYCLE FOR AIR

REGISTER NOW FOR 2020!

JUNE 19 - 21, 2020
TrekAcrossMaine.org

Charlie's



ART WALK LEWISTON AUBURN

TREK DOWNTOWN
STREET TAKEOVER



**WALK TO
END
ALZHEIMER'S**

alzheimer's association



FREE SUMMER FUN & FILMS
MIDWEEK MOVIE NIGHTS

presented by the Gordon Francis Center
in partnership with the Lewiston Police Department

JOIN US AUGUST 7!
MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELD
(NATIONAL NIGHT OUT)

JUMANJI
WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE

presented by
Bank **Spectrum**

FREE ACTIVITIES START AT 6:00PM | ALL MOVIES START AT DUSK

visit [Facebook.com/LewistonSummerFilms](https://www.facebook.com/LewistonSummerFilms)
to see other upcoming films!



Economic & Community Development

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Five-Year Consolidated Plan

The City Council unanimously approved the 2020-2024 CDBG Consolidated Plan at their final meeting on December 17th. The plan outlines goals and strategies for which the City will use its CDBG funds, which are part of a yearly entitlement grant from the Office of Housing and Urban Development. Funds can be used for a variety of activities that create housing and economic opportunities for low-income individuals. The City can also give CDBG funds to nonprofit organizations who provide support services that align with the Consolidated Plan goals. For more information about the city of Lewiston CDBG funding, visit the Economic & Community Development site at www.lewistonmaine.gov.



Local Business Owners Light up the Downtown

The downtown was brighter this holiday season with the addition of 100 lighted spheres. These festive orbs were made possible through a collaboration between Lewiston Public Works, Carl Sheline of Maple Way Dental, Jules Patry of Davincis, and Economic Development staff. Although the holidays just ended, the team is already hard at work planning an expansion of the lighting options and locations for next year.

Downtown Lewiston Association (DLA) Advocates for Smoking Ban

The City Council approved a smoking ban for downtown Lisbon Street. This ordinance was enacted at the request of members of the Downtown Lewiston Association. Downtown business owners reported significant cigarette butts along the sidewalks and smoke wafting into their establishments. They were also concerned that the litter and smoke would result in a negative impression of the downtown area, which would have a direct impact on people patronizing their businesses. The ban, which was approved in October, addresses cigarette and vape products. People who are in violation of the ban will get a one-time warning for a first offense and a \$100 fine for future offenses.



City Staff Attends New Grant Orientation

Travis Mills and Melissa Lavallee traveled to Grapevine/Fort Worth TX for a required HUD New Grant Orientation in December. The City has completed grant negotiations for the Lewiston Lead Grant (\$5,206,649), which will fund Lead Hazard and Healthy Homes Hazard control work. Previous programs were limited to the downtown area, and this grant is targeted citywide to create safe housing for low-income families. The grant will operate for 3 ½ years and will help develop more contractors to complete projects. The program is taking a more hands-on approach with city staff assisting owners with tenant applications and doing the Healthy Homes Assessments instead of hiring those tasks out. Lewiston is fully engaged in making this the best grant program yet.



Grand Rounds to Expand & Add Jobs in Lewiston

Renovation is underway at Bates Mill #1 as Grand Rounds continues to grow. In June, the healthcare company shared its plans to double its workforce in 2019 from 100 to more than 200, beating its original goal of hiring 150 Maine-based employees by 2022. Grand Rounds is currently hiring locally for positions including care coordinators, records specialists, claims support coordinators, clinicians and many more. Named a 2019 Best Place to Work by Glassdoor and Rock Health's 2018 Fastest Growing Company, Grand Rounds works with employers and doctors to raise the standard of healthcare for everyone, everywhere. The Grand Rounds team goes above and beyond to connect and guide people to the highest quality healthcare available.



Sun Journal

**City Council Approves
Two Economic Development
Tax Increment Financing
(TIF) Districts**



Sophia's House TIF District

Sophia's House is a project of the Center for Wisdom's Women. The former convent will be renovated into housing for women recovering from trafficking or addiction or reentering from prison, as well as for women who will serve as mentors to other residents. This TIF district was approved for five years with varying percentages: 100% for year 1, 90% for years 2 and 3, 80% for year 4, and 75% in year 5. Sophia's House, despite intending to seek nonprofit status after five years, will continue to pay 25% of real property taxes despite the property having tax-exempt status. (above)

The Residence at Great Falls

The Residence at Great Falls is a project to be built by Saxon Partners. It will contain 245 one-bedroom market rate units. This TIF district was approved for 20 years at 63%. Retained funds will be used for infrastructure improvements such as sidewalk installation and road improvements. Additionally, the City will have an easement to allow for extension of the riverfront trail from Sunnyside Park. (below)



Fire

Reminder



Fire Hydrant Maintenance

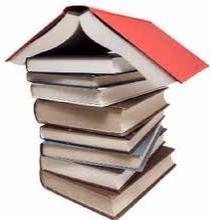
If you live near a fire hydrant, the Fire Department needs your help!

To the left are instructions on how to clear and maintain the snow around the hydrant. Thank you.





In December, the Library added nearly 70 new items to the Library collection including books and A/V material.



On December 12, LPL hosted a bonus Great Falls Forum to close out the year. **Regina Mullins-Greenlee** gave a talk entitled “**Finding My Way Home**” about being a survivor of addiction and human trafficking. Her work in counseling and advocacy has led to the creation of residential communities and business enterprises for other survivors around the country. Her work has assisted hundreds of survivors, including through the partner program Sophia’s House here in Lewiston.



Zine Atheneum & Zine A-TEENEUM

In an ongoing project, LPL is proud to house the **Zine Atheneum** and **Zine A-TEEN-eum** as new parts of our library. Both collections hold zines (as in magazines) donated from across the United States and overseas. Some of these zines are also direct from the Lewiston-Auburn area.

Zines are generally xeroxed editions of DIY books composed of Poetry, Art, Photography or comics. Starting in the 40s with Science Fiction Fanzines, stopping off in the 70s for the Punk Rock Scene, and carrying the torch during the 90s for the Riot Grrrl scene, zines have continued, as a medium, to push the bounds of what is publishable by allowing authors complete control of their work. This uncensored material is vital to a contemporary library.

Gingerbread Day

On December 14th, the Children's Department hosted their 7th annual Gingerbread Day! This year's theme was **Adventure in Neverland**. We were visited by a mermaid, a pirate, and Tinkerbell! We made our own fairy wands, got some glitter tattoos, and decorated gingerbread pirate ships! Raffle prizes were donated by local businesses including Rainbow Bicycle, Quiet City Books, Forage Market, and the Rollodrome.

Thank you to everyone who participated and made this such a great event for our 150+ attendees!



(Image by Andree Kehn/Sun Journal)

National Computer Science Education Week

On December 18th, the Children's Department hosted an Hour of Code as part of National Computer Science Education Week. Children came to the LPL computer lab and learned the basics of computer coding and practiced some more advanced techniques using computer coding games and challenges. Children also learned how to program our LPL resident robots.

Weekend Storytime – Quiet City Books

On December 28th, the Children's Department hosted a special weekend storytime with the owner of Lewiston's Quiet City Books, Courtney Schlacter. Courtney read the classic children's story *Where the Wild Things Are* and attendees then made their own Wild Thing masks. We love our local partners!



(Image by Andree Kehn/Sun Journal)

Fancy that...

Read to a Cat at the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society (GAHS)

The Children's Department has partnered with the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society to put on monthly Read-to-a-cat sessions at the Humane Society. Kids get to practice their reading while helping to socialize the adoptable kittens and cats, and everyone gets a tour of the facility and learns about the humane society. Our first session was held on December 30th, and five families came out in the snow storm for the event. Our January and February sessions quickly became fully booked!



Year in Review

Debut of Maine Reciprocal Borrowing

Spearheaded by the Maine State Library in 2019, the program helps connect 68 participating libraries around the state-including LPL - allowing patrons to use their library cards to check out items from other participating libraries in person.



(Photo credit, Sun Journal)

Shakespeare in the Plaza

In August, LPL again co-sponsored Shakespeare in the Plaza. Gypsy Lew Theater Company staged a production of *As You Like It* in Dufresne Plaza, welcoming the public to enjoy fun, free performances of Shakespeare as part of the growing arts community in Lewiston's downtown.

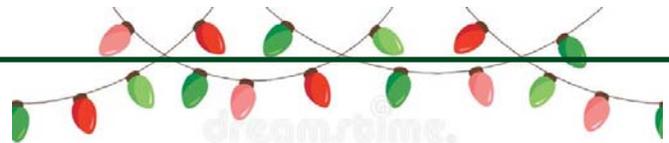
(Sun Journal photo by Russ Dillingham)

Great Falls Forum Series

The series, organized by the Lewiston Public Library, Sun Journal, and Bates College saw 434 attendees in 2019 and welcomed speakers including Paul Doiron, Holly Ewing, and Sarah Perry.

2019

Throughout the year, LPL was excited to welcome multiple authors for talks and workshops. Authors included **Theodore Goss, Elizabeth Hand, Catharine Murray, Suzanne Farrell Smith, and Mark Griffin**. In addition to their own books-fiction and memoir-these writers discussed topics such as outsider artists in America, the art of memoir and loss, Victorian mad scientists and detectives, the American film industry, and which types of pastries in Budapest are most delicious.



Year in Review



Great Falls Comic Expo

The LPL returned to the Great Falls Comic Expo. The library booth featured a selection of graphic novels, novels, and library swag. Staff were also available to promote library programs and services to attendees.

Public Film Screenings



Through community partnerships, LPL was able to host public film screenings which included ***Sex Trafficking in America*** in coordination with the Androscoggin Human Trafficking Collaborative and MAKALA in partnership with the Tournées Film Festival at Bates College.

Retirement & Promotion

David Moorhead retired after 20 years as the Lewiston Public Library's Children's Librarian and **Sara Groves**, LPL Library Technician, was hired as the new **Children's Librarian** in September.



LPL was proud to partner with L-A Arts and Lewiston 21st Century to **host Boston Poet Laureate Porsha Olayiwola** for a Youth & Community Open Mic Night in July. Over 40 attended, many of who shared their music, stories, and poetry. (pictured left) and LPL's first tabling at Pride L-A where the Library spoke to over 160 people. (pictured right)

Harper Chance

was hired as the new Teen Librarian in February 2019. Teen program offerings in 2019 were up **591%** from 2018, and attendance was up **61%**!



In 2019,

LPL circulated over **122,000 items** to patrons.

Library programs saw nearly **10,500 attendees** of all ages. And there were close to **500 meetings** held in our study rooms by community organizations including literacy volunteers working with members of the L-A community.

Congratulations

The children's in-house program offerings are up **30%** and off-site program offerings are up **43%** from 2018. Attendance at programs is up **36% and 43%** respectively.

Lewiston Public Schools

Year in Review



2019 - An Era of Change

Lewiston Public Schools began an era of change in 2019. With the announcement of the retirement of long-time Superintendent Bill Webster, LPS began a national search for his successor. In February, it was announced that Todd A. Finn, a veteran turnaround principal with experience in Vermont, North Carolina, and Atlanta, would be taking on his first superintendent's role in July.

With the transition in leadership came a new vision: "A legacy of substantial, enduring, and continuous learning." The focus quickly shifted to improved instruction, with a bold goal of a 90% graduation rate by 2022. The framework for this plan to succeed over the next three years was explained to the public during an August educator rally as "3D: Data, Design, Do". This would be the year to gather evidence of where the school system is, how it got where it is, where it needs to go, and how it will get to where it is going. Based on this data collection, which includes studies of demographics, processes, perceptions, and performance, the district will begin a redesign process, and will eventually launch a redesigned approach to educating Lewiston students.

As part of his entry plan, the superintendent began a listening tour series called "Lewiston Listens." Each month, a different school community became the host site for a town hall forum where stakeholders had the opportunity to provide input and feedback that will inform the District Strategic Plan moving forward. On most Fridays, the superintendent has spent all day in the schools, a practice known as "Fridays with Finn". Parent groups are meeting in small forums each month with the new leadership, "Genius Hour" was launched to encourage innovation, and homeless and at-risk youth created their own advisory group with district leadership. District leaders began a practice called "Ignite," where each month a school is featured while principal and district leadership shadow students and staff in real time so as to provide first-hand feedback for the host schools.

The community came together and overwhelmingly supported the Lewiston High School expansion project. The new wing will feature specialized arts classrooms.

A new School Committee was sworn in in January of 2020, marking a new era for forward thinking, progressive leadership and innovative problem solving in Lewiston Public Schools. The new committee began working on goals that align with the new vision which will be revealed in June as the new strategic plan is launched.

Nine Assurances During Transition

The District communicated nine assurances that the public can count on as the transition is made from “Data” to “Design:”

1. Every Lewiston Learner will develop and maintain a collaborative, Personalized Learning Plan.
2. Every Lewiston Learner will experience tech-infused and tech-enhanced instruction blended with high-quality, relationship-centered interpersonal learning experiences with teachers who actually get to teach.
3. Every Lewiston Learner will refine real-world skills (communication, collaboration, creativity, critical thinking, citizenship, and imaginative problem-solving) so that they can maintain the *Lewiston Edge* when they cross the stage on graduation day.
4. Every Lewiston Learner will enjoy a choice in "path, pace, people and/or place" during their learning experience. Teachers will be empowered to enable that choice.
5. Every Lewiston Learner will be assessed *authentically* and will be able to speak to their own learning with artifacts as evidence of their personal journey.
6. Every Lewiston Learner will be developing the Social and Emotional Skills of Self Awareness, Self Management, Social Awareness, Responsible Decision Making, and Relationship Building.
7. Every Lewiston Learner will attend a safe, caring and equitable school community featuring a positive culture and climate for all stakeholders.
8. Every Lewiston Learner who matriculates to our high school will have access to multiple pathways, to include workforce development, two-year college, four-year college, military, and other rigorous/relevant personalized pathways. We will not chase credits. We will pursue the tools we need to succeed.
9. Every Lewiston Educator will be well versed, well trained, well invested, and well prepared to actually teach with this direction in mind.

As the new budget is prepared to support innovation moving forward, supported by a robust evidence collection process to inform validated, research-based strategies, Lewiston Public Schools is poised to become a successful turnaround district, and a model for other cities to emulate.

Planning & Code Enforcement

Permit Activity

Building permits: 31
with a reported value of \$3,561,431

Electrical permits: 38

Plumbing permits: 10

Commercial Projects over \$250,000:

Platz Associates

525 Canal Street
200,000 SF renovation in
Bates Mill for office space
\$2,800,000

New Single-family homes: one

11 Doe Run
\$150,000

Enforcement Action

Notice of Violations Issued: 17

Citations Issued: 7

Solid Waste Civil Penalties: 6

Staff Review Committee

On December 23, 2019, the Staff Review Committee took the following actions:

- ◆ Approved an application on behalf of G & G Landscaping and Development to construct 4,940 sf addition at the property located at 6 Pacific Street.
- ◆ Approved an application submitted by Stoneybrook Consultants, Inc. on behalf of Branford and Conant, LLC to create 12 new residential dwelling units at a property located at 197 Lisbon Street.

Planning Board Activity

At the Planning Board meeting of December 23, 2019, the Board took the following action:

Solar Energy Systems

- Sent a favorable recommendation to the City Council for a text amendment to the Zoning and Land Use Code, Article II, (Definitions) Sec. 2, by adding Solar Energy Definitions and Article XI, (District Regulations), Sec.22(c). The purpose of the proposed text amendment is to simplify the process for approving applications for solar energy systems by listing such uses under the "Utility Structures" subsection of the Land Use chart. The amendment would also add a definition solar energy.

Design District Regulations

- Continued discussion regarding updates to Lewiston's Design Standards. The Board discussed the expansion of the Design District Overlay into the Tree Street Neighborhood. The staff has explored the possibility of expanding Design District regulations into the neighborhood to the northeast of the existing Downtown Residential (DR) District. The majority of this area is zoned Neighborhood Conservation "B" (NCB) and Community Business (CB). One possibility is to rezone the NBC and CB areas within the Design District Overlay to Downtown Residential (DR).

Sandra Marquis Completes Tenure

- The Board and staff recognized Planning Board member Sandra Marquis as this was her last meeting after having served nine years with the Board. Both staff and the Board appreciate her years of participation and dedication to the Planning Board.

Police

STATISTICS: 3,347 calls for service in December

Calls For Service	
Total CFS	3,347
Vehicle Stops	628
Citations	38
Written Warnings	50
Verbal Warnings	540
Adult Arrests	117
Juvenile Arrests	5
Criminal Summonses	34
Narcotics Arrests	9
OUI Arrests	6
Parking Tickets	754
Fireworks Violations	1

ENFORCEMENT

Traffic Enforcement

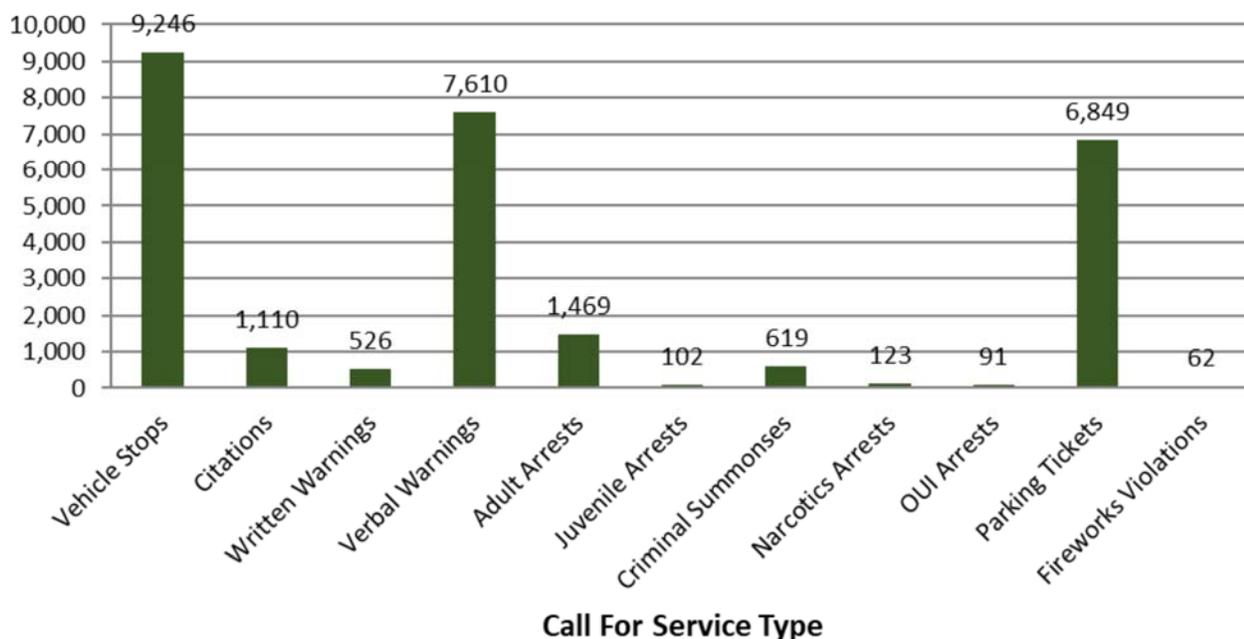
Officers conducted traffic enforcement throughout the city with the radar trailer deployed in various locations.

Sex Offender Notifications

Sex offender notifications of movement within the city were provided to Lewiston's residents.



YTD: January - December 2019



COMMUNITY EVENTS

MEETINGS ATTENDED

- Masjidul Salaam Mosque
- Common Ties Board Meeting
- New Mainer Community Collaborative
- Executive Androscoggin Community Collaborative
- Lewiston-Auburn Alliance for Services to the Homeless (LAASH)
- Community Partnership for Protecting Children (CPPC)
- (Promise) Early Childhood Education Board Meeting & Executive Committee Meeting
- Healthy Neighborhoods Planning Council and Community Engagement
- Healthy Neighborhoods Ethnic Community Outreach
- CommUNITY Law Enforcement Steering Committee Meeting & Law Enforcement Subcommittee Meeting
- World Refugee Day Planning
- Bates College Students' Meeting, Dean's Office Meeting, Neighborhood Action Group, and Active Shooter Meeting
- Rental Registration Subcommittee Meeting
- Healthy Neighborhoods Mini-Grant Review
- Androscoggin Collaborative Retreat Planning
- Stand Against Racism Planning
- Poverty Awareness Subcommittee Meeting
- Downtown Lewiston Association Meeting
- Pettingill Park Association
- City Spirit Council Meeting
- Healthy Neighborhoods Block Party Planning and Annual Meeting



Sergeant Conley and officers Philippon and Weaver escorted Wreaths Across America. Corporal Johnson and Officer Gagne participated in the wreath laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery.

Community Resource Officers participated in:

- ◆ Coffee with a Cop at Birch Hill Apartments
- ◆ L/A Metro Chamber's annual Stuff the Bus
- ◆ Officer Weaver guided the Meet and Greet Police Department tour
- ◆ Festival of Lights Holiday Parade
- ◆ Officer Philippon did a Project Support You presentation at the Hanley Leadership Summit and the Tri-County Mental Health Services Joint Leadership Meeting.
- ◆ Officer Weaver presented "Safeguards for Your Home"

- ◆ Lewiston officers were present at the L-A Homeless Vigil, "an annual walk by candlelight (coinciding) with the National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day, which takes place each year on the longest night of the year" (Daryn Slover, "Homeless Vigil in Lewiston," Sun Journal).

Lewiston PAL All-Stars vs. The Bruins hockey game was held on December 20th at the Colisee.

TRAINING



Officer Nathan Morse graduated from D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) instructor school;
Officer Morse is now a certified D.A.R.E. instructor.

D.A.R.E.

D.A.R.E. programs work to promote safe and healthy living for students. D.A.R.E. helps students make safe choices by educating them about drugs, bullying, and more!





For everything you love... and some things you don't know you love yet!



December

Program Highlights

Grade Skills Academy with YES! 5th and 6th grade groups from all of Lewiston's elementary schools have come together to improve their basketball skills. Bringing all of the students together makes them one cohesive group with no school divisions between them. They work and play together to prepare for upper grade sports. Coach Dudley makes honing their skills fun!



Cinema with Santa



Santa took time out of his busy schedule to visit the Armory. He took pictures with all of the good little boys and girls, ate lots of cookies, and stayed to watch “The Grinch” on our big screen. It was a fun evening for all!



Thank you to our helpers: Nicole from PhotoFinish, Sara Groves from Lewiston Police, Lewiston Public Library, all of the Recreation elves, and of course...Santa Claus!

Recreation Staff is Committed to expanding
our programs

CAMP SMILES



CAMP SMILES OFFERS ALL OF ITS CAMPERS FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH SERVED BY THE LEWISTON SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM. PRIVATE SWIM TIME AT KENNEDY POOL, HIKING, AND WEEKLY FIELD TRIPS.

JOIN LEWY AND THE REC-TANGLES FOR AN EXCITING AND FUN-FILLED SUMMER AT CAMP SMILES!!

AGES: 6-12
COST: \$950 - RESIDENT, ALL SUMMER!
\$1150 - NON-RESIDENT, ALL SUMMER!
\$150 WEEK, LEWISTON RESIDENT
\$160 WEEK, NON-RESIDENT
WHEN: JUNE 22ND - AUGUST 14TH
NO CAMP JULY 3RD
TIME: 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM
WHERE: LEWISTON RECREATION ARMORY
65 CENTRAL AVE

SAVE \$200 ON CAMP SMILES BY SIGNING UP AND PAYING IN FULL BEFORE MAY 15TH!

PAYMENT PLANS AVAILABLE. Must be paid in full before the first day of camp.

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

CITY OF LEWISTON RECREATION
www.lewistonrecreation.com

65 Central Ave. Phone: 207-513-3005 Office Hours: 8:00am - 4:30pm (M-F)

JOIN LEWY AND THE REC-TANGLES FOR AN EXCITING AND FUN-FILLED SUMMAR AT CAMP SMILES

offering its campers free breakfast and lunch served by the Lewiston School Nutrition Program, private swim time at Kennedy Park Pool, hiking, and weekly field trips!

Check out our **website** for easy online registration and payment!

www.lewistonrecreation.com

Social Services

Housing Expenditures	21,108
Temporary Shelter	0.00
Utilities	525.82
Fuel –Heat/all types	0.00
Food	3,845.55
Personal Items	970.79
Burials	0.00
Diapers/Baby Supplies	137.20
Medications - Prescriptions	0.00
Medical Services	0.00

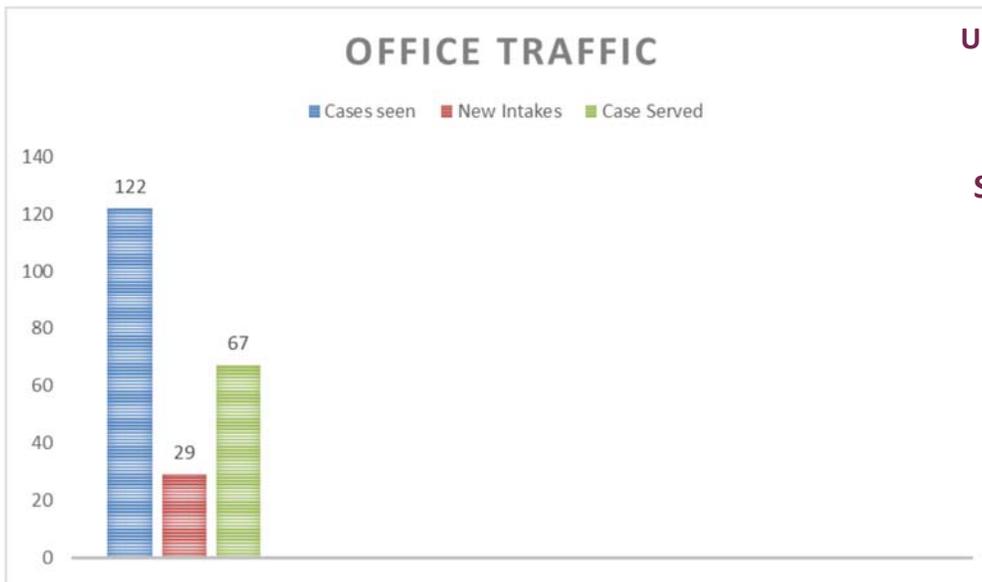
Asylum Pending	39
Asylum Affidavit	9
Employed	10
Food Stamp Recipients	44
Immigrant	7
Immigration Interview	5
Mental Health	17
Parolee	0
Refugee	3
SSI Pending	20
SSI Recipient	2
TANF Recipient	5
ESL Classes	40

Just the facts

A total of 26,587.36 was expended in General Assistance for the month of December. \$18,611.15 in reimbursement was requested from the State at 70% of the total expenditures.

GA Assisted Summary by Client Characteristics—more than one category may apply per applicant.

Just the facts



Unduplicated Cases Seen: 122

New Intakes: 29

Cases Served: 67

Summary of Cases Served

Angola: 22

Congo: 7

Gabon: 1

US: 31

Somalia: 1

Burundi: 2

Djibouti: 1

Sudan: 1

Chad: 1

Asylum Intakes: 7 US Intakes: 21 Immigrant Intakes: 1

WORKFARE

Program Statistics

Cases: 29

Individuals: 64

Hours Completed: 856

Dollar Value: \$9416.00

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



Local Homeless

There are eight shelters for the homeless in the Lewiston-Auburn area. Four are operated by local church organizations; one shelters domestic violence and sex trafficking victims, one services youth ages 18-31, and there is one day shelter that acts as a resource and daytime warming center. Trinity Jubilee Center is located at 247 Bates Street in Lewiston. The hours of operation are 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM; the services offered include hot meals, a food pantry, and other resources.

Shelter resource lists are available at the General Assistance office upon request.

Fraud Cases & Reimbursement

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

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

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

CODE-INSPECTION Update

1/1/19—12/31/19

Code Inspection Requests: 74

GA Violations/letters sent: 26

Non-compliance: 9

In compliance: 65

Trinity Jubilee Center

Dedicated to advocacy for those in need in Lewiston-Auburn

Social Services has seen 188 homeless cases in 2019, consisting of a total of 204 individuals; including 60 children.

22% of all office traffic are homeless.



Workshops &

Training Opportunities

RENTERS EDUCATION

Renters' Education Workshops are held the third week of each month. Eight is the maximum number of participants for each workshop.

The workshop educates renters on the dangers of lead paint and radon; security deposits, leases, and at-will agreements; renter's rights & responsibilities; landlord rights & responsibilities; and giving appropriate notice to your landlord.

Translators are available to facilitate in Portuguese and French. The workshops have been well received with the information sometimes being heard for the first time.

Informational handouts from Pine Tree Legal, and workshop materials are formatted in English and translated into Portuguese and French respectively.

Nutrition & Budgeting

This class is hosted by Healthy Androscoggin and offered once a month to GA recipients. The class is held at City Hall and covers tips on saving money while grocery shopping, healthy recipes and reading labels. Participants receive a cookbook, grocery gift card for food and resources.



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