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Greetings from the All-America 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

October 18, 2010 – 6:00 p.m. Joint Lewiston-Auburn Council Meeting – Auburn Hall, 60 Court Street

October 19, 2010 – 6:00 p.m. Workshop and 7:00 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting, 27 Pine Street

October 26, 2010 – 6:00 p.m. Lewiston City Council Workshop, 27 Pine Street

Leaf Collection Program Update



To reduce the cost of annual leaf collection, leaves generated at Lewiston homes will be collected as household trash. There will **NOT** be a separate leaf collection as in past years. Pick-up will occur during the following weeks: **October 25 – 29th; November 1st – 5th; & November 15 – 19th**. Leaves must be separated from household waste/debris. No twigs or branches should be included with the leaves. Leaves will be collected on normal trash collection days during those weeks. Properties with large volumes of leaves (20 bags or more) will not be collected all on the same day but will be collected during other scheduled leaf collection weeks. Waste leaves can also be dropped off at the Lewiston Solid Waste Facility, 424 River Road, during normal business hours. The leaves may simply be placed in the household trash container. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. – Noon.

Veteran's Day – Trash & Recyclables

The Lewiston Solid Waste Facility will be closed on Veteran's Day, Thursday, November 11th. Household trash & recyclables will be collected as usual on that day and need to be curbside by 7:00 a.m. The Solid Waste Facility will re-open on Friday, November 12th, at 7:00 a.m.



Mayor Kicks Off New Municipal Volunteer Program



On October 5, 2010, Mayor Laurent F. Gilbert, Sr., hosted a press conference to announce the City's new **Municipal Volunteer Program**. Phyllis Plourde, a volunteer with the Lewiston Police Department, was a special guest and shared how much she enjoys volunteering. The purpose of the program is to connect City of Lewiston residents with municipal departments. Such interaction will benefit the city by providing a capable resource pool to assist employees and will benefit residents by providing a greater understanding of local government and an opportunity to make a difference.

The program was adopted by the Lewiston City Council in March, and residents are encouraged to share their interests, talents, and abilities. Those residents who may be interested in volunteering for a municipal department may visit Lewiston's web site at www.lewistonmaine.gov and click on the Municipal Volunteer Program Information link under "Special Notices." At that site, residents will find current volunteer opportunities, as well as a volunteer application that they can return by mail, FAX, or in PDF format. Applications may also be found at municipal service windows at Lewiston City Hall, 27 Pine Street.

Twin Cities 4th Annual Holiday Celebration – November 29th (Rain Date November 30th)



November 29, 2010, will be the date of this year's **Twin Cities 4th Annual Holiday Celebration** with a Parade of Lights proceeding from Turner Street in Auburn, down Mechanic's Row, to Festival Plaza then turning right onto Longley Bridge heading to Lewiston, and turning right onto Park Street. **The parade will kick off at 6 p.m. in Auburn** with a tree lighting by LA Mayors Gilbert & Gleason. **A Lewiston treelighting will also occur** following the Parade's arrival on the Park Street side of Dufresne Plaza, Lewiston, (*formerly Courthouse Plaza*) with hot chocolate, music, visits with Santa & Mrs. Claus, highlighting of December holidays, wagon rides & more!

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

PACE Program Coming to Lewiston!



Lewiston's City Council recently adopted the **Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (PACE)** here in Lewiston. PACE is a program administered by Efficiency Maine that has been awarded \$20 million in Federal funds to establish a revolving loan fund available to property owners across the state. This Home Energy Savings Loan Fund is intended to help Maine property owners finance the costs of energy efficiency improvements such as insulating, air sealing, and heating system upgrades. It will be operated in conjunction with the rebates offered under Efficiency Maine's Home Energy Savings Program that offers cash rebates for weatherization and efficiency measures that reduce energy use by 25% or more. Efficiency Maine expects the program to come online for participating municipalities in late November 2010.

Once a PACE program has been established, owners of residential property, including rental properties of no more than three stories and five units owned by either residents or non-residents, are eligible for a PACE loan if they meet the criteria established in Maine law:

- The owners have a debt-to-income ratio of not more than 50%
- Property taxes and sewer charges are current on the property
- The property is not subject to any outstanding or unsatisfied tax or sewer liens
- The property is not subject to a reverse mortgage
- The property is not subject to a mortgage or other lien on which there is a recorded notice of default, foreclosure, or delinquency that has not been cured
- The energy improvements proposed for the project meet the Efficiency Maine standards for "cost effectiveness."

Efficiency Maine anticipates that most loans will be for terms of ten to fifteen years. The target interest rate they hope to achieve is approximately 5%. If a property owner sells his or her home before the loan is paid off, the loan can either be paid off at sale or be transferred with the property to become the responsibility of the new owner. Residents interested in knowing more about the PACE Program may contact the Lewiston Economic and Community Development Office at 513-3126; TTY/TDD: 513-3007 or email Mark McComas at mmccomas@lewistonmaine.gov

The Lofts at Bates Mill Approved

Plans for a mixed income residential project in the Bates Mill Complex continue to move forward. The City Council has approved the use of federal HOME grant funds for the project and has established a Tax Increment Financing District for it. The project is for 52 units, 15 of which will be rented at market rates. The TIF district will return 50% of the new property taxes paid by the project to it for fifteen years. This will allow the project to move forward and assist the developer in receiving low-income tax credits. When the project is completed, we estimate that over \$21,000 in new taxes will stay with the City after the TIF refund is made. The project is now applying for both housing and historic preservation tax credits. If all goes well, construction will begin next spring. If successful, this should open the door to further residential development in our Mill District.

Main Street Improvements

A traffic and safety improvement project is under development for Main Street in the area of Strawberry Avenue. This project would add a traffic signal at Main and Strawberry; create two northbound through lanes from Russell to just beyond Strawberry; add a center double left hand turn lane on other sections of Main from Pettingill to Bearce; and install a median on Main Street from just south of Brooks to Strawberry. Based on public reaction to date, there is strong agreement that a traffic signal is needed to help turning movements at this intersection. Businesses on Main Street and residents in the area have expressed concerns over the proposed raised median since it would eliminate left turns into and out of Brooks and to and from a few businesses located in the area. Work will continue on this project over the next several months. We expect that the City Council will take formal action on it in November.

DEPUTY CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Groundbreaking on Maine Power Reliability Project (MPRP)

The Deputy City Administrator attended the groundbreaking event for the \$1.4 billion Maine Power Reliability Project (MPRP), as this project will make its way into Lewiston. It will generate some \$1 million in new City property taxes when the project is fully operational sometime in 2014. We expect that some right-of-way work will begin in the area of Larrabee Road that will serve as the site for the new substation. We encourage all residents with questions or concerns about the project to contact the City Administrator's Office at 513-3121 (TTY/TDD: 513-3007) or email Deputy City Administrator Phil Nadeau at pnadeau@lewistonmaine.gov. There will be much more information on the project in the months and years to come.

Citylink Bus Update – Saturday Service



The expanded Citylink bus service has been an unqualified hit to date. Our target was 150 riders per day on the new Saturday service. We are actually approaching an average of 300 per day so far. **On October 2nd, ridership was over 500!** Adjustments to the system that now have busses running most routes on the hour as opposed to the half-hour have helped to make the service more predictable and dependable. The new expanded routes in Auburn and Lewiston have gone a long way to service areas that have been clamoring for service. We will be presenting the results of these bus system changes at a joint City Council meeting on October 18th.

ASSESSING



In September, the appraisers participated in the annual Maine Association of Assessors Officers Conference. Topics included valuation on alternative energy systems as well as valuation issues within the context of property tax appeals. Attendance at the program helps the appraisers maintain their Maine Assessor Certification.

Real property reviews for the 2010-11 tax year have begun. Current activity is concentrated on the area between Main Street and East Avenue. The reviews are part of the state mandated four-year review program.

The fall canvass of building permits is also underway. Major construction activity at this time is concentrated within the tax-exempt property category. Taxable construction activity appears to be less robust for the upcoming tax year.

CITY CLERKS

During the month of September, the City Clerk's Office worked on the following tasks:

Election Preparation

Processing state paperwork, updating our training materials, lining up nursing home voting, recruiting 136 citizens to work at the polls, issuing absentee ballots, processing voter registration cards, and other election related tasks. Absentee voting is increasing in Lewiston. An interesting comparison is below:



- For the 2008 Presidential Election, the Department had issued 576 absentee ballots as of Sept. 30.
- For the 2010 Gubernatorial Election, the Department had issued 758 absentee ballots as of Sept. 30.

Business Licenses

We worked with representatives of the Dempsey Challenge on all of their required licensing and permitting for food, entertainment, and so forth for their annual event. We have also been working with Energov on the business licensing software conversion.

Staff Achievements

Assistant City Clerk Jessica Hanscombe received her lifetime certification as a Certified Clerk of Maine in September. This represents a minimum of 10 years of work as an Assistant City Clerk as well as participation in numerous training workshops covering topics such as election administration, municipal law, vital records, and so forth. Assistant City Clerk Allison Pease received her 10-year service pin from the City, and Assistant City Clerk Audra Fleury received her 5-year service pin from the City.

Looking Ahead - Items and Deadlines Coming Up that May Interest Residents:

- Currently available – Absentee ballots for the November election are now available.
- October 15 – Dog licensing for the 2011 year will begin.
- November 2 – Election Day - Polls open at 7:00 am and close at 8:00 pm.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Deer Ridge Residential Subdivision



Construction is currently underway to build out the Deer Ridge Subdivision that was approved in 2007. Auburn developer Bob Foss, although he refers to himself as a farmer, is constructing two streets, Fawn Lane and Doe Run, which will connect to Deer Road. This is a single-family twenty-seven-lot subdivision with seven lots fronting on Deer Road and the remaining twenty lots fronting on Fawn Lane and Doe Run. The roads are slated to be city streets; therefore, a request will likely be submitted next year to the Council for acceptance upon completion. This development is to be serviced by

City water and sewer. It is exciting to see the development of a subdivision in these difficult times, and Mr. Foss's efforts are greatly appreciated.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Downtown Projects Underway!

Drivers and pedestrians in the downtown may have noticed construction underway in many locations. The City is proud to be part of several of these new projects. Most notably, full-scale construction is underway at the corner of Pine and Blake Streets on the Tedford Housing 10-unit apartment complex. This facility will provide permanent supportive housing for up to 10 homeless families. Homelessness is an often hidden but significant problem in L/A. While it is uncommon to see people living "on the street" as in some larger cities, there is a substantial population of individuals and families who lack a permanent residence and "surf" from place to place. The Tedford Project will help provide supportive housing to assist some families in this difficult situation.



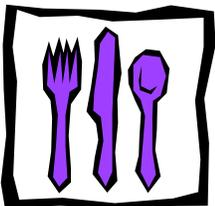
Two other major projects funded through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) are underway at 84 Lisbon Street and 271 Park Street. NSP funds can be used for redevelopment of abandoned buildings such as these and will allow for middle-income homeownership or rental. Both projects are expected to be completed by the end of 2011.

The City is also supporting a major "facelift" for the Ellard Block Building at 178-80 Lisbon Street through our Commercial Façade Grant Program. The building's new owner, Allen Smith, is dedicated to restoring the building to its historical facade and has secured new commercial and residential tenants for the second and third floors. We expect this project to be completed by early spring.

Finally, the City is assisting the owners of 183 Main Street, home of WSCH6 among others, at the corner of Main and Middle Streets with roof and façade improvements. The building will have brand new windows and roofing and have major re-pointing work done as well. This project is also expected to be completed next spring.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Culinary Options Expanding



Lewiston continues to gain momentum as a dining destination with the addition of two more restaurants adding to the diversity of offerings. Hacienda El Patron is serving up authentic Mexican cuisine at 838 Lisbon Street at the Lewiston Mall (formerly occupied by Margaritas). Pedro O'Hara's, a popular restaurant in Brunswick, is now serving their unique blend of Mexican/Irish café and pub food at a second restaurant located at 134 Main Street in Lewiston's western gateway.

You Can Come Home Again

The Lewiston-Auburn Economic Growth Council (LAEGC) and The Chamber are actively seeking entrepreneurs under age 30 who have a great business idea that they want to establish in LA. The entrepreneur must have ties to the community but currently be living outside of LA. To lubricate the gears of productivity, LAEGC and The Chamber have partnered with local banks and other service providers to offer a grand prize of up to \$100,000 in cash and in-kind services to the winning business proposal. Individuals may find out more about the contest by visiting <http://www.launchlamaine.com/> Please help spread the word about this great opportunity that will give a new business a solid start as well as help the local economy.

Veterans Administration Clinic

The Veteran's Administration has chosen the contractor to build a 30,000 square foot community-based outpatient clinic for veterans. The clinic will be built near Exit 80 at 15 Challenger Drive. The center will provide primary care, mental health, physical therapy, audiology, home-based primary care, and care coordination services. Construction is expected to begin in spring 2011. Since the VA will be leasing this space from the developer, it will pay full local property taxes.



Transportation Planning

Exit 80

At full build out, Gendron Business Park Phase II is expected to result in a million or more square feet of new commercial development. An additional 250,000 s.f. or more of retail space fronting the turnpike is planned for that area as well. The current configuration of Exit 80 and Alfred Plourde Parkway limits what can be built without traffic improvements. The City is working with the Maine Turnpike Authority and MDOT and a significant landowner in the area to develop a workable transportation plan that will improve safety and capacity at Exit 80. The Turnpike Authority and MDOT presented preliminary plans to the public on October 4th. More detailed plans will be developed over the coming months.



FINANCE



On September 11, 2010, the City held its first Surplus Property Auction to sell off old and unused equipment and materials that had been accumulating for years in municipal departments. Every municipal department contributed to the project with both items to be offered and staff dedicated to the task. Finance staff worked with and supervised the gathering and transportation of the items from various locations to the City Operations Center.

The City retained D.A. Folsom Auction Company to run the auction. On auction day, approximately 300 people registered to bid on items. As many as 400-500 people were on hand at the start of the auction, which began at 9:00 a.m. with formal bidding ending at 2:00 p.m.

In total, some 241 lots were offered for sale with all but 7 sold. The City received \$83,061.90 gross, and, after expenses, \$74,282.71 was deposited into the Sale of Surplus Property General Fund account.

The auction was considered a large success by everyone involved, and many positive comments were heard from bidders and observers.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Public Safety Exercise

On Monday, September 20, 2010, Lewiston's public safety departments participated in a joint exercise to test preparedness and drill emergency operation skills in conjunction with Wal-Mart Distribution Center staff. Each year the Fire Department pursues a grant to fund emergency operation exercises and takes the lead role in bringing together fire, police, haz-mat team members, and other area/state agencies to exercise emergency operations plans. This year's emergency preparedness drill was held at the Wal-Mart Distribution Center on Alfred Plourde Parkway. The joint planning and emergency operation exercise provides public safety employees and private sector entities the opportunity to work together in a training and learning atmosphere. A local company, Life Safety Specialist, facilitated the exercise, and event monitors from State of Maine agencies provided oversight and guidance. Wal-Mart's leadership in support of the exercise on the local and corporate level was overwhelming.



Fire Prevention Month (October)

The Lewiston Fire Department has a month of fire prevention activities planned. This year's national theme is "**SMOKE ALARMS: A SOUND YOU CAN LIVE WITH.**" The Fire Department will monitor a fire drill at all Lewiston public and private schools. Firefighters will participate in fire prevention and awareness assignments at elementary schools and daycares as well as host group tours at Central Fire Station. The Firefighter Phil Program will be presented in the schools. Firefighter Phil is a nationally recognized program presented to children in the classroom and is supported by donations from local businesses. Bates College has also partnered with the Fire Department to host a Campus Safety Day on October 27th. If a group or organization would like to participate in a fire prevention education opportunity, please contact Assistant Chief George Merrill at 513-3002 ext 360 (TTY/TDD – 513-3007).



Fire Prevention Facts

One popular legend claims that Mrs. Catherine O'Leary was milking her cow when the animal kicked over a lamp, set the O'Leary's barn on fire, and started the fiery conflagration in Chicago. On October 9, 1911, the Fire Marshals Association of North America (FMANA) sponsored the first National Prevention Day. In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first national Fire Prevention Day proclamation. By 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the first National Fire Prevention Week, which was October 4-10, 1925. National Fire Prevention Week is always the week in which October 9th falls. Each year, a specific theme is chosen and is commemorated throughout the United States.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The City's health care program seeks voluntary compliance with an aggressive health care management system that focuses primarily on prevention activities. The goal of the program is to reduce the overall need for health care services through prevention and to reward employees for healthy behavior that will prevent disease.

- ❑ 5% savings [2.5%] when both employee and spouse agree to participate in a Health Risk Assessment, a physical examination by personal physicians, including prescribed lab/x-rays;
- ❑ 5% savings [2.5%] when both agree to participate in an exercise program tailored by the Health Care Educator in conjunction with the employee's and spouse's physicians;
- ❑ 2.5% savings [1.25%] for non-tobacco users and those who quit;
- ❑ 2.5% savings [1.25%] for obtaining body fat/waist measurement goals, as follows: Employees must first attempt the Body Fat Analyzer; if not within the established ranges, then the waist measurement standard will be applied—40" waist or less for males and 35" for females

Lastly, all employees need to meet all four components to receive their 7.5% savings, while spouses need to meet the first two components and only one of the other two remaining components.

LIBRARY

Rosetta Stone Language Learning



Rosetta Stone language learning software is now available to library members in the computer lab and study rooms. Languages include English, Spanish, French, Italian, Chinese, and Arabic. The computer lab will be open on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm and on Saturday mornings from 10:00 am to noon for Language Learning Lab sessions; however, the Rosetta Stone programs are also available in the lab at any time the lab is open. (LPL lab hours are: Monday, Tuesday, and

Thursday, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; Wednesday, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm; Friday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm; and Saturday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.)

Great Falls Forum

The Great Falls Forum (GFF) speaker series began its 13th season in September. One upcoming forum program of note will take place on Thursday, November 18, at noon when Lewiston School Superintendent Leon Levesque takes the podium to address transitions and transformations over the last twelve years in a talk

entitled ***Personal Reflections***. The GFF is cosponsored by the Lewiston Public Library, Bates College, and the *Sun Journal* and takes place on the third Thursday of each month, September through May (excepting December).

DEC School Success Project / Homework Help Lab

With the start of the school year, the Library's computer lab again morphs into a Homework Help Lab for middle and high school students from 3:30 to 5:30 pm from Monday through Thursday. This is a project of the Downtown Education Collaborative (DEC) called School Success. The Lab is run by DEC's Americorps volunteer with the help of work-study students and volunteers from the DEC colleges along with a number of community volunteers. The Lab serves about thirty students daily through this project.

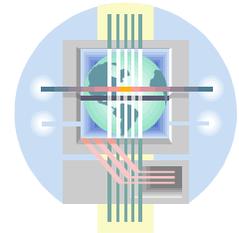
New Mainers Outreach Project

The Library's New Mainers Outreach Project shifted into full gear during September with new cultural liaison technicians, Bucharo Yassin and Muhidin Libah, reaching out to various groups in the community and conducting personal tours of the Library for members of the refugee/immigrant community. A special library orientation program and reception for new Mainers was held on Saturday, September 25, which attracted 38 residents to learn about the Library's many services. This project is funded by a \$30,000 grant from the Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation.

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SERVICES (MIS)

New Web Site

Eight (8) proposals have been received for the redesign of the City of Lewiston web site. A committee was created to assist in the selection process and the members are: Phil Nadeau, Heather Hunter, Lincoln Jeffers, Kevin Gagne, David Chick, Dottie Perham-Whittier, David Gudas, and Timothy Earle. The committee determined that the following should be the foundation to the City's new web site:



- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliant.
- Content Management System (CMS) - To allow each department the ability to edit their own web content.
- Visitor Subscription or Notification - RSS feeds, emergency notices, news, and events. Notifications done by email or by text; visitor's choice at sign up.
- Web Site Search Engine or **"How To"** Button and/or FAQs.
- Social Media – Facebook, Twitter, etc.
- Statistical or Analytical Tool - To report on number of visitors, their location, and interests within the City's web site.
- Online Survey – To poll residents or visitors.
- Job and Bid Postings.
- Online Payments - The ability to provide such payments in the future.
- Resident Input – Compliment or complaint process.

The committee has selected their "top three" companies and will meet with them in the month of October. We hope to have the new site up and running by March or April 2011.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Stats



In the month of September, the Lewiston Police Department responded to 3,173 calls for service. The agency initiated 617 vehicle stops resulting in 100 citations and 208 written warnings, with the remaining stops resulting in verbal warnings. There were 201 adult arrests and 25 juvenile arrests during this period, as well as 112 criminal summonses issued. There were 12 arrests on narcotics violations and 16 for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The parking enforcement and patrol divisions issued 696 parking tickets for the month.

September	2010
Calls For Service	3,173
Vehicle Stops	617
Citations	100
Written Warnings	208
Verbal Warnings	309
Adult Arrests	201
Juvenile Arrests	25
Criminal Summonses	112
Narcotics Arrests	12
OUI Arrests	16
Parking Tickets	696

Events

During September, members of the Department planned and participated in the following events:

- ❑ Several members of our Honor Guard and sworn staff participated in both the September 11th Memorial Service at L/A Harley and the Blue Mass at the Basilica.
- ❑ Members of our Haz-Mat Team and Patrol Division participated in a full-scale drill at the Wal-Mart Distribution Facility. This was in conjunction with several municipal, state, and public/private entities. We are also in the planning phases for Active Shooter/ Move to Contact scenario-based situations that will occur in public and private facilities.
- ❑ Sgt. Robitaille attended a meeting with District Attorney Norm Croteau, Commissioner for the Department of Public Safety Anne Jordan, Tri-County's Laurie Cyr-Martel, and representatives from the Veterans Administration to discuss sentencing alternatives for veterans returning from Afghanistan and Iraq.
- ❑ Officer Rousseau conducted a cultural orientation briefing at Lewiston City Hall for incoming immigrants. Specifically, he spoke about the laws relating to the rights of parents while disciplining their children.
- ❑ Members of the police department attended the LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens) appreciation dinner for law enforcement officers from Lewiston & Auburn.
- ❑ Cpl. Kavanagh continues to be very involved with the Lewiston MAINEiacs. He recently organized a meeting to learn more about team expectations and the roles of the team within our community.

PUBLIC WORKS

September continued our efforts to complete projects started over the summer and get some new ones off the ground. Here is an update of projects completed or started since last month's report.

Road Projects (Rehab-Paving, Etc)

- ❑ **Switzerland Road** – All culverts were replaced, the pavement was reclaimed and graded, and paving is pending.
- ❑ **Old Greene Road** – The old paving was reclaimed & under drain and storm drainage was installed. Fine grading and paving anticipated soon
- ❑ **Pond Road** – New catch basins, under drain and storm drains were installed, and paving is scheduled.
- ❑ **Cotton Road** – The under drain, pavement reclaim, and base paving were completed with follow-up ditching and surface paving planned for October.
- ❑ **Crowley Road** – Work on this rehab project is just starting but is anticipated to be complete by November.
- ❑ **Pine Street** – This Department of Transportation (DOT) “*mill and fill*” pavement preservation and sidewalk project is well underway with completion expected in October.
- ❑ Paving overlays were completed on the following streets in September: **Jeffrey Street, Shank Street, South Ridge Lane, Fairmount Street, and Jeanette Avenue.**
- ❑ Beavers continue to be a nuisance issue on **Stetson Road** where they frequently dam up the culvert and flood the road. We obtained permission from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife to begin trapping immediately.

Water, Sewer, and Stormwater

On September 14th, we discovered a major leak on the 24” transmission main that carries our drinking water from Lake Auburn through Auburn to the Main Street pump station. The leak was located on a cross-country line near the Community College, and we estimate if not repaired we would be losing nearly one million gallons per day. The Water & Sewer crew mobilized quickly and had the leak repaired on September 15th without interrupting the flow of water to the City. The crews also completed the Brooks Avenue waterline replacement project and have started replacing an old line on Commercial Street to improve water quality to the customers in that area. Work is ongoing on the ~\$8 million UV water treatment facility at Lake Auburn, and Phase 2 designs are complete and will be going out to bid later this fall. The White-Davis-Nichols-College Street project to separate sewer and stormwater continues to challenge both our Engineering folks and our contractor as we work around a maze of underground utilities, historic cisterns, and other structures to get this badly needed work done. Another contract for sewer/stormwater separation in the Jepson Brook watershed was advertised and awarded to St. Laurent & Sons, and work on the project will begin this fall. We have several more stormwater projects coming with major culvert and bridge replacements scheduled on Lexington Street, Grove Street, and Randall Road.



Building Projects

The new parking garage on Lincoln Street appears to be more than a month ahead of schedule. Our buildings folks are also working toward relocating a structure from the former Pettingill School to the Solid Waste Landfill. This project will move our staff out of the cavernous shredder building into a much more energy efficient and comfortable space and will save the City significant funds for heating.

Preparations for Winter

Looking ahead, we have begun preparing for the upcoming winter. Our Winter Operations Dry-Run is scheduled for October 28th. This is the day all our snowplow operators actually hook up the plows to their assigned equipment and perform inspections to ensure the equipment is ready to go for the first storm. After checking the equipment, each of the operators drives through their entire plow run inspecting the roads and sidewalks for anything new, obstacles they need to avoid, or other things that may create problems. This is especially important this year as many of the plow runs will be extended to make up for the five contracted plow runs eliminated during the budget process. In addition to five less contracted plows, the Department also lost another Highway Worker, so this year's level of service will be less than what we have been able to provide in past years. We are attempting to plan for this and do the best we can, but during large storms this winter, folks should expect to see snow on some of our residential streets that will not be plowed as frequently as in the past.



RECREATION

Special Events and Activities

- ❑ The American Heart Association scheduled their Central Maine Heart Walk on September 19, 2010. The fundraiser benefited the American Heart Association. Simard-Payne Park was one of the parks used for the event.
- ❑ The Greater Androscoggin Humane Society held their annual "Strut your Mut" dog walk and pet festival. The event took place at Simard-Payne Park on September 25th.
- ❑ Event set up for the Dempsey Challenge started on September 25th at Simard-Payne Park. The event benefitted The Patrick Dempsey Center for Cancer Hope and Healing at Central Maine Medical Center.
- ❑ The Abused Women's Advocacy Project started to prepare Raymond Park on September 28th for their vigil, light, and banner display. The event's purpose was to bring greater awareness to domestic violence throughout October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
- ❑ The L/A Islamic Center scheduled their yearly Muslim E.I.D. Prayer on September 10th. The prayer service was held at the Lewiston Memorial Armory.



SOCIAL SERVICES

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<i>Statistical Activity</i>	<i>September 2010</i>	<i>FYTD 7/1/2010-6/30/2011</i>
<i>Office Traffic (Duplicated)</i>	721	2,335
<i>New Clients</i>	72	229
<i>Households Served (OT) (Unduplicated)</i>	209	666

<i>Housing Expenditures</i>	\$58,971.00	\$203,919.50
Total Expenditures	\$67,622.34	\$238,261.80
<i>State Reimbursement</i>	\$33,639.67 (50%)	\$118,911.06
<i>SSI Reimbursement</i>	\$1,858.68	\$8,611.21
<i>Other Reimbursements</i>	\$ 343.00	\$439.69
Actual Municipal GA Cost (net)	\$31,780.99	\$110,299.84

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