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Dear Reader,

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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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Third Annual National Night Out, August 3rd - A Great Success

National Night Out has become an annual event, where residents, municipal employees, volunteers, public safety officials, and local entities come together for a time of fun and enjoyment. It was an evening of community spirit, community pride, and community collaboration – a free family event - sponsored by The Lewiston Police Department, the Police Athletic League and the Lewiston Department of Recreation. The purpose of National Night Out is to heighten crime & drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local community partnerships; and to send a strong message that neighborhoods are united. Lewiston Police Dept. and Fire Dept. had representatives present to engage children and their families. Wal-Mart Distribution Center donated food for the event, with the cooking provided by their managers and associates. Entertainment included music, limbo dancing, the ever popular face painting and arts and crafts, distribution of free books, a karate demonstration by Pelletier Academy, Mr. Drew's animals, and much more. Special thanks go out to all involved.

Crowds Gather for the 18th Annual Great Falls Balloon Festival August 20-21-22

Thousands gathered at Simard-Payne Memorial Park for the 2010 Great Falls Balloon Festival. This year's theme was "Celebrating Maine Farms." Entertainers and vendors were pleased with the attendance. A Sun-Journal reporter attended Saturday evening's festivities and estimated that 5,000 were present!



The event spurred an email from the Executive Director of Museum L/A, Rachel Desgrosseilliers, to City Administrator Ed Barrett regarding city staff.

She wrote: Ed, I was just at the Balloon Festival, all three days, as well as before and after, as our property is right there. I wanted to let you know that I took time to watch the city staff working alongside and helping throughout the whole event and it was really nice to see that they were giving it their all and even with smiles. That's the side that we need to show, not only to our community but to the outsiders that we are trying to get here to visit and stay.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for all the help given to our first LADU historical race. The help received from Maggie Chisholm from the Parks & Rec Department was invaluable. That woman has more knowledge of the City and its workings. She sure saved us lots of time and effort and it was never too much bother. She also was always there to keep encouraging everyone to keep moving and helping us get over obstacles. All the other departments that were involved were great and also ready and willing to go above and beyond to make this event a success.

Since we often hear negatives, it is nice to once in a while hear the other side - the positive. So, once again, thank you so much for the support we have received from the City. We are moving forward to keep taking our baby steps to get to our vision of the new museum.



Lewiston Public Schools opened Monday, August 30

Opening day was Monday, August 30, 2010 for grades K-9 students and first year incoming transfers to Lewiston High School; Tuesday and August 31, 2010, for grades 10-12 students.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

New Monthly Report



This month's report looks and is new and different. Each department has been asked to focus on items of interest, both to our elected officials and to the public, in an effort to make the report more concise, more interesting, and more reader friendly. We would appreciate receiving your thoughts and suggestions. In particular, please let us know if anything you regularly looked for in our previous format is missing from the new and should be brought back. Our hope is that you will find this format and the information provided herein both interesting and useful.

Neighborhood Stabilization Program

Over \$1 million the City received through a federal grant for purchasing and rehabilitating vacant, abandoned, or foreclosed properties has now been fully committed. Notable projects include working with Habitat for Humanity to remove a fire-damaged structure on Sylvan Avenue that will be replaced with a new home. The historic brick building located on Park Street across from The Public Theatre that has been vacant, deteriorating, and a blighted influence on the area has been purchased by Coastal Enterprises and will be renovated into two condominium units. The City sold 80 Lisbon Street earlier this year to a local businessman, and it will be renovated and put back into service very rapidly thanks to financial support from the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Special thanks are extended to Mark McComas, Lewiston's Director of Economic & Community Development, and his staff for their hard work ensuring that all of these funds will be used in Lewiston to both improve properties and create local jobs as they are renovated. These are examples of how we can improve our community, one building at a time.



Strategic Planning



Over the last two years, our elected officials, staff, and members of the public have been involved in a major effort to develop a strategic plan. **The goal of a strategic plan is to lay out the direction for a community over the next three – five years.** After an initial draft was completed in March 2009, the project slowed down as other matters demanded City Council and staff attention. In August 2010, we returned to this effort with a vengeance. Through the leadership and coordination of Community Relations Coordinator Dottie Perham-Whittier and Library Director Rick Speer, four Council/staff committees began reviewing and revising the draft. Everyone who is or

has been involved in this effort should look for a revised draft to be issued by hopefully mid-October. As we have throughout this effort, we need your thoughts and ideas as we move forward to finalize this plan.

Recognizing the Lewiston Police Department

The Lewiston Police Department recently responded swiftly and effectively to two appalling crimes – the vandalism at Riverside Cemetery and the robbery of an elderly resident at Oak Street Apartments. Through good, solid police work, suspects were quickly identified and arrests were made. While these were high profile incidents heavily reported in the media, LPD's response was not the exception—rather the outstanding police work exemplified LPD's norms. Indeed, whether a case is high profile or not, our officers consistently show their commitment to our community through their professionalism and hard work. My appreciation is extended to all of them.



DEPUTY CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Proposed Main Street Traffic Safety Project



A public information meeting was held on August 19th at the Lewiston Library regarding the proposed Main Street traffic and safety improvements which could begin as soon as next summer. The proposed improvement would begin with lane expansions on the north side of the Veterans Memorial Bridge to Strawberry Avenue and would also involve new traffic signals at the intersection of Strawberry Avenue and Main Street. Beyond Strawberry Avenue, the project would then transition to two travel lanes with a new center turning lane which will be incorporated into the existing center lane which begins just after Montello Street. The city sent out over 225 meeting invitations to those living along the impacted areas of the project. Over 75 people attended the August 19th meeting. As expected there were many unanswered questions that evening and city staff is working on preparing materials in anticipation of a City Council workshop which has yet to be scheduled. It is hoped that the Council workshop will be scheduled sometime in late September or early October.

Proposed L-A Water Pollution Control Authority Anaerobic Digestion Project

I serve as the new Chairperson of the L-A Water Pollution Control Authority (LAWPCA) and have worked with Superintendent Mac Richardson and our board members for approximately two years on this very important project. This \$16.6 million dollar proposal is projected to reduce the volume of bio-solids (read that "sludge") by some 40% and capture most of the methane gas generated in the anaerobic chamber which will power turbines that would provide almost 65% of the plant's electrical needs. This is a facility which, according to our Superintendent, is in the top 1% of electricity consumers in the state! Our current electricity bill for the facility is in the \$400,000+ range and the savings from both the reduction in bio-solids and electricity usage is projected to reduce operating costs within the first four years and recover its full investment within 16 years. There are several construction scenarios that will be considered by the board but analysis of all the pro-formas appear to support moving ahead with the project either partially or fully built. Mac Richardson,



Camp Dresser and McKee's John Donovan and I all meet with both City Councils on August 23rd and 24th to provide information to the elected officials and the general public about the project. We were pleased at the quality of the inquiries and we continue to analyze the data and project costs in anticipation of our next LAWPCA Board meeting on September 8th, 6:00PM at Lewiston City Hall. This meeting is a "special" meeting as our board meetings are typically held on the second Friday morning of each month. However, given the importance of this meeting, our board elected to hold its next meeting in the evening as it wanted to ensure that citizens who have limited opportunity to attend a morning meeting can attend this special evening meeting. This project

is good for the environment and good for LAWPCA's bottom line. Anyone interested in learning more about this project is encouraged to visit our website www.lawpca.org.

ASSESSING

Tax bills have been mailed for the 2010-11 tax year. The largest taxpayer in Lewiston is Wal-Mart, a position they have maintained since 2006, when they completed their Regional Distribution Center. FPL Energy ME which consists of hydro electric developments including the Monty Dam remains in second place. Altogether the top ten taxpayers in Lewiston pay approximately one out of every six tax dollars.

Top 10 Taxpayers for 2010-11

1. Wal-Mart	Warehouse	\$90,614,100	4.93%
2. FPL Energy ME Hydro, LLC	Utility	\$55,639,680	3.03%
3. Central Maine Power	Utility	\$34,829,050	1.89%
4. FR LePage	Bakery	\$24,429,770	1.33%
5. TD Bank	Banking	\$22,819,640	1.25%
6. Elmet Technology	Metal/Wire Mfg.	\$21,033,100	1.14%
7. Northern Utilities	Utility	\$17,447,330	0.95%
8. LL Bean	Telemarketing	\$12,743,660	0.69%
9. Geiger Bros.	Specialty Items	\$ 9,743,760	0.53%
10. Lewiston Prop, LLC	Real Estate	\$ 9,241,020	0.50%
Total		\$298,541,110	16.23%

CITY CLERKS

Election Preparation – Staff has been processing state paperwork, updating training materials; lining up nursing home voting, preparing for the release of absentee ballots and so forth. Citizens have already been ordering absentee ballots for the November election.

Petitions – The City Clerk's Office has been busy processing state petition sheets. Each voter signature was verified for registration status. Signatures per petition page ranged from 1 – 65.

Business Licenses – During this time of year, the office is busy working with the different events and festivals that are held within the City during the summer. We work with the festival committees and related food and product vendors for each festival to ensure that all of the proper licenses are secured. Representatives of the Balloon Festival and the Dempsey Challenge have been great to work with.

On-going work: processing of appointments to boards and committees, processing state corrections to vital records, updating traffic schedule and policy manual, preparation of agenda binders for Council meetings, sale of miscellaneous permits, recording of legal documents, rotation of mail processing and switchboard, and so forth.



Dog Licenses:

Dog licensing for the 2011 year will begin on October 15th.

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CODE ENFORCEMENT

Proposed Bates Mill Historic District

On August 20, 2010, Historic Preservation Review Board Chair William F. Clifford, Jr. was provided with a draft National Register nomination from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission for the proposed Bates Mill Historic District. Bates Mill LLC initiated the nomination and Sutherland Conservation and Consulting of Augusta, Maine, prepared the requisite documents. There are multiple levels of review associated with a nomination for the National Register and the following steps are necessary in order to forward a proposal to the United States Department of the Interior. The certified local government (i.e. the Lewiston Historic Preservation Review Board), the Maine State Historic Preservation Commission and the State Review Board need to review and find that a proposed district meets and satisfies the National Register Criteria.



As you may be aware the Bates Mill Complex is located within the Mill District, a locally recognized historic district and is subject to demolition delay provisions of the Zoning and Land Use Code. In addition, the Bates Mill Complex has been and continues to be eligible for National Register Listing; therefore, its designation as a National District should not have any adverse implications associated with the future redevelopment of the Bates mill Complex. A National Register listing is very positive step, as tax incentives will be available. Such listing should provide the Complex with a competitive edge in applying for any available grant and/or loan programs.

The Historic Preservation Review Board will conduct a public hearing on October 7, 2010 at 3:00 pm. in the Administrative Conference Room to obtain public input on the proposed Bates Mill Historic District.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

L/A Lead Program



Lewiston continues to exceed production goals for its joint Lead Hazard Reduction Grant with the City of Auburn. The program recently received its 4th consecutive quarterly “green light” from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for meeting the majority of production goals for the 2nd quarter of 2010. Over the course of the three-year grant, we anticipate making 200 units lead-safe across the Twin Cities.

In addition to direct work in remediating lead hazards, the Cities are also partnering with Healthy Androscoggin, Catholic Charities and other organizations to provide important outreach and education to Lewiston/Auburn tenants regarding lead and other potential health hazards in their homes. This program, called “Healthy Homes, Healthy Families”, has trained nearly 100 families on how to keep their homes clean and safe from lead hazards and pests, and how to improve food safety. This program is making a real difference in the everyday lives of its participants and it being looked at as a model program for other Maine communities.

Increased Commercial/Residential Program Interest!

This summer continues to see resurgence in interest for the City’s CDBG commercial and residential loan and grant programs. The department have recently closed two significant projects (1 commercial rehab on Main Street, and a residential rehab on Russell Street) and there are at least 8 other projects at various stages on the application process. In all, approximately \$500,000 in loans/grants are underway or pending approval. After several slow years brought on by the downturn in the economy, we are excited to see that Lewiston property owners are once again interested in making improvements to their properties. We hope this trend continues into the next construction season!

Winterize L/A

For the 2nd consecutive year, Lewiston and Auburn will be teaming up to winterize homes in our cities through the Winterize L/A program. This program solicits local volunteers from the construction field and the community at large to install basic winterization materials such as weather stripping, water heater blankets, and window film to improve energy efficiency and overall winter warmth for low-income homeowners in the area. ***The Winterize L/A Committee, made up of City staff, non-profits, local businesses and contractors, is planning a late October–early November weekend event to bring volunteers together for this exciting undertaking.*** If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, please contact the Lewiston Community Development Office at 513-3126.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT

Despite the downturn in the national economy, Lewiston is experiencing development interest and activity. Including the expansions underway at Central Maine Medical Center and St. Mary's, more than \$70 million in new investment is under construction or planned to begin in 2011 in the downtown.

Expanded Downtown Housing Options

Four historic buildings will be renovated over the coming 18 months which will expand the affordable and market rate housing opportunities in the downtown. Renovating these building will broaden housing options, expand the tax base, and have more people living downtown which will help support local restaurants, retail and entertainment options, adding to the vitality of the community.

City Administrator Ed Barrett has written about two of the projects, 84 Lisbon Street and 271 Park Street under the Neighborhood Stabilization banner.



The City Council approved a tax increment financing package that will help fund operational expenses at the Lofts at Bates Mill. The Lofts is a \$9 million, 48-unit mixed income housing project that will overlook Fountain Plaza. It will have nine 1-bedroom and six 2-bedroom market rate units. The other 33 units will be affordable, with a mix of one, two and three bedroom units. The project will be largely financed with a combination of Low Income Housing Tax Credits combined with State and Federal Historic Tax Credits. The local financial support and regulatory approvals already received will improve its competitiveness for the next round of housing tax credits. Tax credit applications are due at the end of October.

The Healey Asylum, located at 81 Ash Street will be redeveloped into 32 affordable senior housing units. It is a \$7.8 million project. Renovations are slated to begin in 2011.

Business News

Stanley Elevator has opened a warehousing/service facility on Apple Road. Approximately 25 people will work in or be based out of this location. Renovations are well underway for **Baxter Brewing Company's** production facility to be located at Bates Mill. Baxter is eagerly anticipating delivery of their brewing equipment so installation can be completed and brewing begin. **Rancourt and Company Shoemakers** is finding great success in both the domestic and international marketplace hand sewing fine shoes for private label clients. The Rancourt family has been making shoes in Lewiston since 1964. With this venture the third generation of the family enters the business. The roof is on **Community Concepts** new 16,000 s.f. building located on Bates Street, across from Kennedy Park. When complete, 75 people will work there. **Wahlco Metroflex**, a locally owned manufacturer of flue gas emission control systems for heavy industry and power plants, whose equipment is installed globally, was purchased by a British company, **Senior plc**.

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Transportation Planning

Multiple transportation improvement studies are underway in Lewiston/Auburn. MDOT has commissioned a study to evaluate the establishment of intercity rail from Portland to Auburn, with the longer term goal of connecting to Montreal through Bethel. The study is not evaluating for commuter use, but rather for excursion travel.

The MDOT and Maine Turnpike Authority have earmarked \$20 million in funding for improvements to **Exit 80** and nearby road infrastructure. The improvements will be designed to improve safety and functionality. The improvements will support future growth in South Lewiston. It is a multi-phase project. Phase I construction is expected to begin in 2011.

A study is also underway to identify problems and plan for the future of **Route 196** between I-295 and the turnpike. Over the next 30 years significant economic growth is projected both for Lewiston and the Brunswick Naval Air Station. Route 196 links the workforces in these two Labor Markets and job centers. A public meeting has already been held in Topsham. A public meeting will be held in Lewiston in early October.

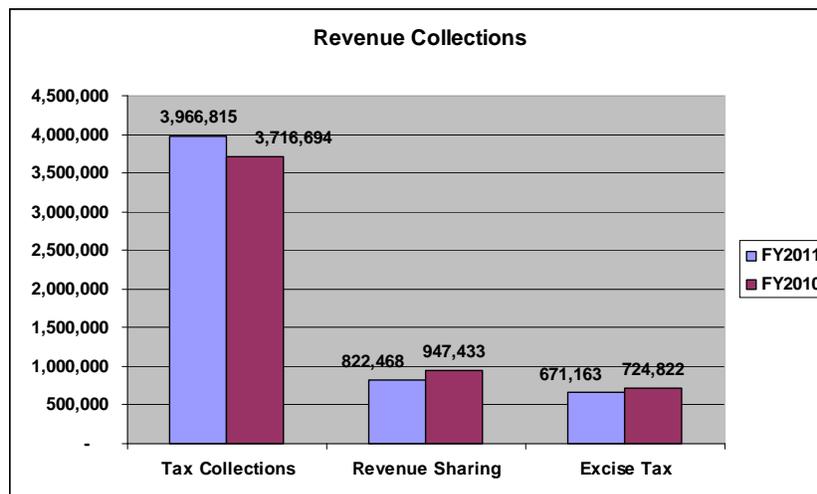
Assistant City Administrator Phil Nadeau has been at the forefront and written about a Main Street Safety Traffic study that is underway.

FINANCE

Department Focus & Projects

Finance & Treasury

As the fiscal year 2011 budget proved to be very challenging due to significant decreases in many of the City's key revenue sources, the Finance Department is paying close attention to how actual receipts are trending compare to budget estimates and prior year balances. The results at the end of August are shown in the graph below:



The amounts shown for tax collections only reflect property tax payments received. In addition, the City collected \$504,444 of its budgeted \$664,921 Homestead Exemption from the State a month earlier than in FY2010. The remaining portion of the Homestead Exemption is anticipated in the second half of the fiscal year. Current year tax collections are outpacing last year by 6.72%, of which 2% is directly attributed to the property tax rate increase. The decrease in Excise Tax collections continues to reflect the general downturn in the economy.

Purchasing

The following bids were awarded during August:

<u>Bid Number & Description</u>	<u>Project Budget</u>	<u>Award Amount</u>
2010-30 Pine Street Sidewalks & Pavement Overlay	\$492,500	\$462,284
2010-36 Plow and Grader Blades	*	18,528
2010-38 LAWPCA Storm Drain Project	60,000	41,870
2010-39 35-Ton Hydraulic Detachable Gooseneck Trailer	45,000	39,010
2010-40 Crowley and Cotton Roads Rehab	753,795	631,175
2010-41 Horton St. Rehab & Spruce St. Sidewalk	410,000	258,626
2010-42 Tire Chains & Hooks	*	8,982

* Composite Municipal Garage Budget

Although the soft economy has had a negative impact on the revenue side, the City is benefitting from the competitive bidding environment on the expenditure side. The above five construction bids clearly illustrate the advantages of offering project proposals during this sluggish environment.

The results have been an 18.64% or \$328,300 savings from original estimates.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service and Training in July and August:

Brush Fires of suspicious origin: In early July a rash of brush fires were determined to be of suspicious origin. The Fire Prevention Division is working closely with the Lewiston Police Department to investigate the cause of the fires which occurred in wooded areas along the Androscoggin River. Fire crews hiked into the remote areas and extended hundreds of feet of forestry hose to apply water and firefighting foam to facilitate the control and extinguishment of the fires.

Heavy Rain in July: On July 21, 2010, heavy rain was the cause of over twenty four calls for service for the fire department. Police, Fire and Public Works crews provided support to residents of low lying areas in the community that experienced the ill effects of the deluge.



Fire in Bates Mill #2: On the evening of August 10, lightning struck Bates Mill #2 and started a fire that smoldered for over an hour before visible smoke conditions were reported to the Fire Department by a passer by. The fire began and was contained to an area in the upper most section of an abandoned elevator shaft in Mill #2. On duty crews were supported in the effort to extinguish the flames by off duty firefighters who responded to the call for a Third Alarm. Firefighting Units from the Auburn Fire Department were also on scene and assisted with the firefighting effort.



Holland Street Warehouse Fire: Only minutes before releasing the off duty firefighters who responded to the Third Alarm fire at Bates Mill #2, another fire in a large storage building located at 70 Holland Street was reported to 911. Upon arrival firefighters discovered a large storage building adjacent to the railroad tracks to be fully involved in fire. The Incident Commander called for all available recall personnel to respond to the fire scene to assist with extinguishment and containment. Fire crews

successfully kept the flames from consuming the main building of Jay's Appliance, however the warehouse and it's contents were a complete loss.

NIMS Training:

During the month of July and August City Councilors, the Mayor and members of the management team completed National Incident Management Training. NIMS Training, as it is referred to, is mandatory training associated with the City of Lewiston's eligibility for Homeland Security Grant money. Fire, Police, Public Works and also Lewiston School Department personnel have either completed or attended similar training over the last few years.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Employee 'Census' Information

Permanent Employees:

Full-time	346
Part-time	8

Break-down by facility:

Recreation	6
City Hall	54
Public Works	110
Library	14
Police	97
Fire	73



Residency of Employees: Lewiston 157

Residency of Employees: Out of Town 197

Gender: Male: 286

Female: 68

Average Age: 41



The Library concluded a very busy summer with many families participating in our children's and teen summer reading programs along with making use of our computers and wireless internet – and some just coming in to beat the heat.

New Mainers Outreach Project

The New Mainers Outreach Project, funded by a \$30,000 grant from the Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation was begun in August with the hiring of two part-time cultural liaison technician staff positions. Plans for the project include improving communications with the refugee/immigrant community, increasing attendance by that community in the library's story-time programming, and expanding our support for English Language Learning in the community.

Teen Support Initiatives

In the Library's attempt to address the needs of teenagers city-wide and especially the needs of middle and high school students, several programs are gearing up for the new school year. We were successful in renewing our application for a Teen VISTA member and Molly Ladd, who has been in the position for the past year, has signed on for a second year of service. Molly connects with the teens that use the Library and works with them to plan and carry out programs and to develop resources to meet their educational and recreational needs. In addition, the Downtown Education Collaborative is continuing with their School Success project which operates a homework help session every Monday through Thursday from 3:30 to 5:30 pm in the Library's computer lab. This project is funded by the DEC member agencies and uses area college work-study students and volunteers to carry out the program. Both of these initiatives have been extremely effective in meeting the needs of the City's teens and in addressing the challenges posed by the large numbers of young people who make use of the Library in the after school hours.

TEEN ROOM

Other Library Programming

My First Library Card. The Library is working with the Lewiston School Department and the Auburn Public Library on a joint initiative to provide all entering kindergarten students with their first library card. Planning was begun in August and it is expected that this project will be unveiled early in the school year.



Great Falls Forum. The highly successful Great Falls Forum speaker series begins its 13th season on September 16 with Charles Micoleau (Portland attorney and former chief-of-staff for Senator Edmund Muskie) speaking on "Where has the Middle Ground Gone in the Partisan Politics of Today." The monthly, noontime, brown-bag-lunch series continues with another stellar lineup of speakers—one notable program will be retiring Lewiston School Superintendent Leon Levesque providing his "Personal Reflections" on November 18.

Let's Talk About It. The Library in partnership with the Maine Humanities Council and the Friends of LPL is once again hosting a "Let's Talk About It" reading and discussion series. Registrations for the monthly programs which begin in September have already filled up. This year's series is entitled, "Across Cultures and Continents: Literature of the Indian Experience," and is being facilitated by Sagaree Sengupta, an Asian Studies scholar from Bates College.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Stats

In the month of August, the Lewiston Police Department responded to 3,192 Calls for Service. The agency initiated 560 vehicle stops in the month of August resulting in 170 citations, 157 written warnings with the remaining stops resulting in verbal warnings. There were 172 arrests of adults and 44 juvenile arrests during this period as well as 104 criminal summonses issued. There were 22 arrests on narcotics violations and 8 arrests for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The parking enforcement and patrol divisions issued 610 parking tickets in the month of August.

August	2010
Calls For Service	3192
Vehicle Stops	560
Citations	170
Written Warnings	157
Verbal Warnings	233
Adult Arrests	172
Juvenile Arrests	44
Criminal Summonses	104
Narcotics Arrests	22
OUI Arrests	8
Parking Tickets	610

Events

During the month of August, members of the Lewiston Police planned, and participated in the following events:

Three events involved motorcycle rides/ escorts for fundraisers which included the Biddeford Scholarship Ride, Old Orchard Beach Memorial Ride, and the Camp Sunshine Support Ride. Additionally, the annual National Night Out event was a success. The LPD was joined by Public Works, the Rec Department, Fire, and local EMS along with other many public and private organizations.

The Lewiston Police continue support of the Lewiston MAINEiacs through mentoring and related support roles. The Balloon Festival was also a big success.

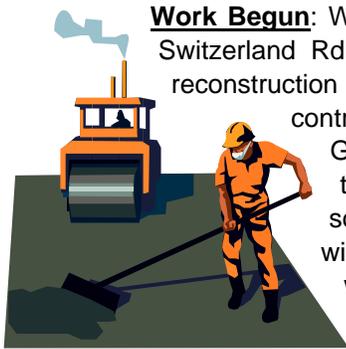
The Haz-Mat Team has been preparing for a full scale mock at the Wal-Mart Distribution Center.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works has taken advantage of great summer weather to get a lot of construction projects underway.

Road Rehab & Paving Program

Projects Completed: The Lisbon St/Plourde Parkway ramp, Webster St., Biron Ave., Jeanette Ave., St Patrick Ave and outer College St. The Economic Stimulus funded Russell St. Project was completed by DOT with minor punch list items remaining.



Work Begun: Work is underway on Fairmount St., Jeffrey St, Shank St, and South Ridge Lane. Switzerland Rd is expected to be completed in September. Pond Rd and Old Greene Rd reconstruction is underway and being run by the Highway Division with help from outside contractors. A reconstruction contract for Cotton Rd and Crowley Rd was awarded to Gendron & Gendron with work to begin shortly. In addition, a contract was awarded to St Laurent & Sons for rehabilitation of Horton St, another project that will start soon. We are managing two MDOT funded projects that are underway. The first will upgrade traffic signals in the downtowns of both Lewiston and Auburn. The other will rehab Pine St from Canal to Sabattus, including rehab of some sidewalks where a pavement overlay was awarded and work has begun. A half-mile section of River Rd (near Ferry Rd) will be reclaimed and paved in the coming weeks.

Two paving projects for Ernest St and Randall Rd will likely be done in the spring.

Water, Sewer, and Storm Water Work

Work is still ongoing on the ~\$8 million UV water treatment facility at Lake Auburn. The work we started last year with the waterline replacement on South Ave is complete, and a water line on Brooks Ave was replaced because we had had several breaks in the last two years. We completed the lining of a 48" combined sewer that goes from Lisbon St, under the Superior Courthouse, under Canal St, under the Upper Canal, under Bates Mill #5, and under the new parking garage to Lincoln St. What an interesting and successful project! We are preparing to issue a contract to clean and line more water lines this fall. We also have work underway to separate sewer and storm water in the White-Davis-Nichols-College St area. Most of this work has concentrated on College St so far. Another contract for sewer/storm water separation in the Jepson Brook watershed will be issued soon. We have several more storm water projects coming up with major culvert and bridge replacements scheduled on Lexington St, Grove St., and Randall Rd.



Public building projects include the new parking garage on Lincoln St, which appears to be more than a month ahead of schedule; the recently completed Kennedy Park pool house; and an energy project to improve lighting at the Public Works garage.

These projects are all in addition to the routine day-to-day maintenance and repair our crews perform on a regular basis.

RECREATION

Register now for upcoming fall and winter programs!

Youth & adult programs are available. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM.



Summer Programs ended in mid-August

The Kennedy Park Aquatics' Programs had the most registered participants by far at 739! Camp Smiles had 75 youth who participated; 30 children attended the Multi-Purpose Center Summer Playdays; and the L.H.A Hillview Summer Drop-in program had 15 daily drop-ins. Summer sports included gymnastics, track & field, tennis for youth & adults, as well as basketball and softball programs.

Wednesdays in the Park Celebrated its 31st year!

Two of the summer park events were hosted in August, one at Marcotte Park and the other at the L.A.P. The two performers entertained approximately 400 onlookers at each event. The King of Silly performed August 4th and Todd Brodeau: Frisbees on August 11th.

National Night Out Celebrates its 15th year

The event was hosted at Marcotte Park where approximately 500+ youth and adults participated in the activities. Several non-profits set up showcase tables to include Head Start, The Visible Community, 911 Center, A.W.A.P., Neighborhood Housing League, and L/A School-Based Health Centre, etc. ***You can read more about this event on page 2.***

Farmers' Market at Kennedy Park

The community took advantage of the Farmer's Market on Tuesdays during the month of August. A collection of independent, local growers came together to offer their products and met their neighbors. A new program was offered this year: "Double Your Dollar!" Ten dollars of fresh food was available free each week when ... used their EBT card or WIC checks. One hundred percent of the dollars spent at the market go directly to the farmer.



Softball Wraps Up as Fly Football & LHS Athletic Programs Get Underway

Approximately 300 softball games were played at L.A.P., Upper Franklin Field, and the Randall Road Softball Complex. Fly Football started its practices on August 9th and began their season with a Round Robin on the 22nd of August. The athletes at Lewiston High School began their practices August 16th in preparation for winning season!

Lewiston Summer Food Service Program

According to Kim Austin, L.P.S. Nutrition Director, in 2008 the L.P.S. Summer food service provided 14,892 breakfast & lunch meals at no charge to Lewiston children, compared to the 2009 total of 20,002, and this year's total of 30,647. In addition, the number of meals provided and served through the Lewiston Recreation Department was 9,132.

SOCIAL SERVICES

All municipalities are mandated by the state to administer a general assistance program, and all are reimbursed by the state for general assistance expenditures at the 50% reimbursement rate until they meet the expenditure threshold. Once a municipality reaches the expenditure threshold, which is determined by dividing the state valuation for the municipality by .0003, the municipality is reimbursed at the 90% rate.

In May and June of 2010 the City of Lewiston was reimbursed by the state for 90% of the general assistance expenditures for the first time since June of 1993.

Beginning in FY 2011 (July 10-June 11) the reimbursement reverted back to the 50% rate. Once we reach the expenditure threshold of \$742,095.00 the reimbursement will increase to the 90% rate for the remainder of the fiscal year. Due to economic factors the state valuation for municipalities decreased for FY 2011, and as a result we should reach the 90% reimbursement rate prior to May of 2011. This along with our pursuit of other reimbursement sources will result in a lower net cost for general assistance expenditures.

<i>Statistical Activity</i>	August 2009	August 2010	FYTD 7/1/2010-6/30/2010
<i>Office Traffic (Duplicated)</i>	740	798	1,614
<i>New Clients</i>	106	81	157
<i>Households Served (OT) (Unduplicated)</i>	219	220	457
<i>Housing Expenditures</i>	\$67,415.67	\$66,884.00	\$144,948.50
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	\$74,214.59	\$77,050.50	\$170,639.46
<i>State Reimbursement</i>	\$37,042.30 (50%)	\$38,476.91 (50%)	\$ 85,271.39
<i>SSI Reimbursement</i>	\$ 928.39	\$ 1,910.74	\$ 6,752.53
<i>Other Reimbursements</i>	\$ 130.00	\$ 96.69	\$ 96.69
<i>Actual Municipal GA Cost (net)</i>	\$36,113.90	\$36,566.16	\$ 78,518.85

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Dempsey Challenge, October 2-3, 2010

The Dempsey Challenge presented by Amgen is an annual international fundraising platform in Lewiston/ Auburn, Maine which **benefits The Patrick Dempsey Center for Cancer, Hope & Healing at Central Maine Medical Center.**

The Dempsey Challenge is a run/walk and cycling experience which integrates the passion and support of the cancer community with the hospitality of the Lewiston/Auburn community, while providing a rewarding experience and unprecedented value to all participants and partners.



Patrick Dempsey writes:

The Dempsey Center provides support, education and wellness services to cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Now in its second year, I am proud to report that all of the Center's offerings are provided free of charge. Dempsey Challenge event organizers are focused on providing an exceptional experience for everyone involved as well as raising needed funds to help cancer patients and their families. To that end, in addition to the required entry fee, we have set a minimum fundraising requirement of \$150 for all participants 18 and over. In reviewing other events similar in nature, we found that most require higher minimums. I am looking forward to another amazing weekend where we all come together to honor and support those whose lives have been affected by cancer. Thank you in advance for helping to ensure the 2010 Dempsey Challenge is another magical weekend.

October 2nd: 5K and 10K Run/Walk

October 3rd: 10- 25- 50 and 100-mile Cycle Tour!



FESTIVAL IN THE PARK

The Dempsey Challenge will host the Festival in the Park, located at Simard-Payne Memorial Park in Lewiston. The Festival is free to the public and will feature a Health & Wellness Expo, themed Cancer Prevention and Early Detection, which will include interactive displays on nutrition, physical activity and tobacco, along with health screenings and more. In addition, the Festival will include an array of vendors and family-friendly activities, including post-event hospitality for participants, live music, entertainment and an art workshop. The Breakaway from Cancer Survivor Walk, also part of the Festival, will take place at approximately 3:30 PM. Cancer survivors, caregivers and others affected by cancer are welcome to join in the walk.



For More Information, go to www.dempseychallenge.org