



TOWN OF SEBAGO, MAINE (Approved by the Board of Selectmen)

# Sebago Happenings



Fall 2010

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## SEBAGO FOOD PANTRY AND CLOTHES CLOSET

### NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

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By Jim Libby, Sebago Resident

The Sebago Food Pantry, re-located to 183 Sebago Road, is now open to assist Sebago residents who meet certain income levels. We are able to assist in a limited capacity. Those needing additional assistance should meet with the Town's General Assistance Administrator (on Thursdays from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm) at the Town Office.



Sebago Road, is now open every Saturday (except holiday weekends) from 10:00 am. to 1:00 pm. There are no income guidelines.



Vegetables from our garden are put on the porch each Tuesday morning for clients. Donations to either operation may be made;

1. When either the Food Pantry or the Clothes Closet is open,
2. Anytime - Place donations on the porch in a waterproof bag,
3. By appointment - contact Jim Libby at 787-2747.



#### \*\*\*\* PRIORITY NOTICE \*\*\*\*

Please be aware that there was a typo on the 2010 Tax Bill. The second payment will due on 5/3/2011 (not 5/3/2010 as incorrectly stated on your tax bill).

Our sincere apologies!

#### ***HOURS OF OPERATION***

#### **TOWN OFFICE**

- Tuesday  
10 am to 7 pm
- Wednesday  
thru Friday  
8 am to 5 pm

#### **TRANSFER STATION**

- Tuesday, Thursday,  
Saturday, Sunday  
7 am to 5 pm



Hours of Operation: Currently every 4th Tuesday from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. (School cancellation policy governs.)

The Clothes Closet, also located at 183



## WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR SEBAGO SENIORS

By Lin Greene, Senior Activities Coordinator

Are you a Sebago Senior homeowner in need of assistance to weatherize your home?  
Are your windows, doors, insulation a problem?

Sebago has received a Cumberland County Community Development Block Grant to help with rehabilitation of up to six (6) homes owned by qualifying senior citizens.

Contact General Assistance Administrator, Edythe Harnden at the Sebago Town Office at 787-2457 for more information.

# Clerk's Corner

**2011 DOG LICENSES** - will be available at the end of October. The State of Maine requires dogs to be licensed at 6 months of age or within 10 days of ownership. Dog license renewals are due by January 1st of each year. Fees are: \$6.00 per year for spayed/neutered dogs and \$10.00 per year for unaltered dogs. Kennel owners - Please pick up the form at the Town Office. All Kennels must be inspected by the Animal Control Officer prior to the license being issued.

**LATE FEES** - will be applied after January 31st. Please bring in a valid Rabies Certificate and Neutering/Spaying Certificate. If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk's Office at 787-2457. A reminder that dog licenses are also available on-line at [www.townofsebago.org](http://www.townofsebago.org).

**RABIES CLINIC** - A Rabies Clinic will be held at the Sebago Town Hall building on January 15, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. till Noon. Shots cost \$8.00 each. Please bring the most recent rabies certificate to receive a 3 year shot, otherwise a 1 year shot will be administered. **Dogs must be on a leash and cats must be in a carrier.**

**HUNTING LICENSES & SNOWMOBILE REGISTRATIONS** - It is also that time of year for Hunting licenses and Snowmobile registrations, **please bring in your prior year's information.** 2011 licenses will be available on December 1, 2010. Hunting & Fishing licenses, and ATV & Snowmobile registrations are also available on-line.

**UPCOMING ELECTION** - On November 2, 2010 there will be a State Gubernatorial/Referendum Election. Absentee ballots should be available by October 1, 2010. Polls are located at the Town Office and will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. We are always looking for people to come and help count the ballots, if you are interested, give us a call.

As always, it is a pleasure to serve you!

Michele Bukoveckas, Town Clerk  
 Lin Greene, Deputy Clerk  
 Maureen Scanlon, Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant

# Ask The Tax Collector

Dear T.C.: When are the property taxes due in Sebago?

Dear Tax Payer: The tax bills for the 2010 Tax Season were sent out on September 15, 2010. If you have not received your tax bill yet, please contact me at the Sebago Town Office to confirm your mailing address was correct. Under Maine law payment of property taxes is the responsibility of the person who owned the property on April 1, 2010. Tax bills are sent to the owner of record as of that date. **Only one tax bill is sent out** in the fall **with two payment stubs.** The first half taxes are due on November 2, 2010; this payment covers July 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. The second half will be due May 3, 2011 and covers January 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011. **A reminder notice WILL NOT be sent.** The new owner **will not** receive a tax bill. It is the responsibility of the previous owner to forward the bill to the new owner. In the event that you sold your property after this date, the buyer and seller may agree to divide the taxes between them, but if any part of the taxes is not paid, a lien will be filed in the name of the person who owned the property on April 1st. Please be aware, if you are the seller, even if you no longer own the property, a lien may have a negative effect on your credit rating. If you are the buyer, a lien is filed in the seller's name, however the municipality may foreclose on your property unless the outstanding taxes are paid in full. All municipalities have different fiscal years and tax due dates. Make sure you understand the buyer's and seller's obligations with regard to property taxes and what may happen if taxes are not paid as agreed.

Payments can be made on-line by electronic check or credit card. Be aware that convenience fees will apply. The town also accepts check, cash and debit cards at the Town Office. For your added convenience a secure drop-off box is being installed on the right hand side of the main entrance door of the Town Office building. Payments left in this drop-off box will be applied on the next regular business day.

Just a reminder, should you negotiate a worthless instrument, the Town **does not re-deposit the check.** A replacement check will have to be re-issued with a \$20.00 return check fee.

Michele Bukoveckas, Tax Collector



*Autumn is a  
 second spring  
 when every leaf is  
 a flower.*  
 Albert Camus



# PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION IS A MUST!

By Bob DeVilleneuve, Code Enforcement Officer/E-911 Addressing Officer

For Fire and Rescue purposes it is imperative that you place your street number on your house or building in a location visible from the street or driveway. The **height of each number** in your address should be a minimum of **4 inches**. The color of the numbers should contrast with the color of the building. In addition, **if your house or building is located further than 75 feet back from the road or otherwise not visible from the road, your street number (made of reflective materials, minimum height of 4 inches) is required to be placed at the beginning of your driveway.** (Acceptable methods for display include the use of your mailbox, placement of a plaque on a post, etc.). If you have any questions, or do not know what the physical address is for your property, please contact me at the Town Office.

~~~~~ **REMEMBER - THIS SIMPLE ACT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE OR THE LIFE OF A LOVED ONE!** ~~~~~



# FROM THE DOGHOUSE



By Bobby Silcott, Animal Control Officer  
asktheACO@yahoo.com or call 642-4343  
(Standish Dispatch)

Friends - Hope things are well with you and your pet. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many residents that have helped me do my job, as well as, the many animals that we have helped along the way. Without your help, this would not be possible. Our pets depend on us to provide for the many needs that develop over the lives of our furry friends.

As winter approaches, please remember that your pet depends on you to provide an environment that "sustains life comfortably". The Law states:



**7 § 4015. Proper Shelter, Protection From the Weather and Humanely Clean Conditions** - No person owning

or responsible for confining or impounding any animal may fail to provide the animal with proper shelter, protection from the weather and humanely clean conditions as prescribed in this section.

**Outdoor standards** - Minimum outdoor standards of shelter shall be as follows:

- A. When sunlight is likely to cause heat exhaustion of an animal tied or caged outside, sufficient shade by natural or artificial means shall be provided to protect the animal from direct sunlight. As used in this paragraph, "caged" does not include farm fencing used to confine farm animals.
- B. Except as provided in Subsection 5 and 6, shelter from inclement weather must be as follows:

(1) An artificial shelter, with a minimum of

3 sides and a waterproof roof, appropriate to the local climatic conditions for the species concerned must be provided as necessary for the health of the animal.

(2) If a dog is tied or confined unattended outdoors under weather conditions that adversely affect the health of the dog, a shelter of suitable size with a floor above ground and waterproof roof must be provided to accommodate the dog and protect it from the weather and, in particular, from severe cold. Inadequate shelter may be indicated by the shivering of the dog due to cold weather for a continuous period of 30 minutes.

C. No animal may be confined in a building, enclosure, car, boat, vehicle or vessel or any kind when extreme cold will be harmful to its health.



# RECREATION DEPARTMENT EVENTS



## \*\*\*\*\* OCTOBER EVENTS \*\*\*\*\*

**BASKETBALL** - Registration forms are available at the Sebago Town Office. Fee: \$25.00/\$40.00 maximum per family; \$10.00 for grades 1 thru 2. Workouts begin in November. Season runs January through mid-March. **Coaches & Referees Needed!** All Rec. teams are part of the Lake Region Youth Basketball, council made up of Reps. & Rec. Directors from each town. Fees go to the Town.

**TEEN TRIP - (October 23, 2010)** - To the Ghoulog at Mt. Cranmore. The height of terror haunted mountain top tour. We are looking for boys and girls in 6th grade to 12th grade to join us on this evening haunt. Cost for this event is \$20.00 for Sebago and Bridgton residents, \$25.00 for non-residents. Registration forms are available at the Sebago and Bridgton Town Offices. (A minimum of 25 participants are needed in order to hold this event.)

**HALLOWEEN PARTY - (October 29, 2010)** - Friday night from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Sebago Town Hall building. **If you wish to volunteer for this or other events please contact Corinne Davis at 595-8173.**

## \*\*\*\*\* NOVEMBER EVENTS \*\*\*\*\*



**BASKETBALL** - Dates for coaches meetings & clinics will be posted on the town's website at townofsebago.org. Practices for grades 3 thru 6 begin the week of November 15th.



## \*\*\*\*\* DECEMBER EVENTS \*\*\*\*\*

**CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING & SANTA'S VISIT** - The Christmas tree lighting including a visit by Santa Claus will be held at the Sebago Elementary School. The date will be posted after the first PTC meeting. Check SAD 61 Sebago Elementary website in November.

**ADULT SNOWSHOEING** - If you are over the age of 18 years old and enjoy the outdoors, this activity is designed for you. If you are interested in joining us, contact Corinne Davis at 595-8173.



## TOWN OF SEBAGO

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**We're on the Web!**  
[www.Townofsebago.org](http://www.Townofsebago.org)

## MISSION STATEMENT

*To provide truthful, up-to-date, and educational information on how the community works, in order to provide the opportunity for making informed decisions while also enriching the lives of our citizens that want to live here, prosper, and raise their families.*

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETINGS

(Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.)

October 5th & 19th  
November 2nd & 16th  
December 7th



## PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

(Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.)

October 12th  
November 9th  
December 14th

(There are currently 2 open positions on the Planning Board. If you are interested in joining the Board, please contact Maureen Scanlon at the Town Office at 787-2457.)



## ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 2, 2010  
(Polls are open 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Town Office Building)



## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Sunday, November 7, 2010 at 2:00 a.m.  
daylight savings time ends  
in the United States.  
Don't forget to "FALL BEHIND" one hour.



## RABIES CLINIC

January 15, 2011  
(See "Clerk's Corner" on page 2 for details.)

## TOWN OFFICE CLOSING

The **Sebago Town Office** will be **CLOSED** on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2010** for Staff Training in Augusta. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.



## RECREATION DEPARTMENT EVENTS

Once again we've got some fun events planned for you. There is a Teen Trip to the Ghoulog at Mt. Cranmore, a Halloween Party at the Town Hall building, and the Christmas Tree Lighting with a special visit from Santa Claus to name a few. For more details on these events and more, make sure you check out the Recreation Department Events section on the bottom of Page 3.

