



Sebago Happenings



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JUST WHEN IS "SEBAGO DAYS" ANYWAY?

By Maureen Scanlon, Editor & Carl Dolloff, President, Sebago Days Committee



Here are some of the details from Carl on what is planned for this year.

As I sit at my desk to compose your Spring edition of the Sebago Happenings newsletter, there is still plenty of snow on the ground. However a true sign of spring is when the calls start coming in with a very common question we get here at the Town Office, "When is Sebago Days?". Well, spring has officially arrived because the calls have started. For those of you that are also wondering the answer to this question, this fun filled event known as "Sebago Days" is **always held on the third Friday & Saturday in July** with the **fireworks display** being held **on Saturday evening**.

The 34th Annual Sebago Days event will be held on Friday, July 20th and Saturday, July 21st. The Sebago Days Committee has been working very hard to provide some different attractions this year. Mike Foye, our Treasurer, has booked "Tricky Britches", a Bluegrass band, for Friday night. This band is well known in the State of Maine and beyond. The committee is very happy to be able to have them at our event. We have also booked a new ride company for this year, Kavanaugh amusements. They are very excited to be able to come to Sebago. Kavanaugh has rides for all ages, as well as food and games.



The Grand Old Parade will begin at 10:00 am on Saturday, in Wards Cove, Standish and end at the Sebago Elementary School. This year's theme is "Do Re Mi". Participants and volunteers are needed; if interested, please contact Donelle Allen at 787-3732.



The committee is pleased to have "Jonathan Sarty and the White Mountain Boys" return to perform on Saturday night. This band is very "in demand" and we're grateful to have them performing. Other activities will include the Talent Show and Kiddie Parade, as well as the Bonus Drawings. The fireworks display will complete the festivities on Saturday. For vendor information, please contact Bob Burns at 787-2489.

I started thinking; just how long has "Sebago Days" been taking place here in beautiful Sebago. I touched base with the Sebago Days Committee President, Carl Dolloff to learn more about the plans for what I found out is going to be the 34th Annual Sebago Days event.

As always, our famous Fun Run/Walk will take place on Saturday morning, at the junction of Routes 11 & 114; if you are interested in participating, either as a runner/walker or volunteer, please contact Jeff Cutting at Jordan's Store at 787-3866.

I'd like to thank the committee members for all of their hard work. Anyone interested in joining the committee, please contact me, Carl Dolloff, at 787-3732. Volunteers are always welcome and needed.



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HOURS OF OPERATION

TOWN OFFICE

- Tues. - 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Wed. thru Fri. - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

TRANSFER STATION

- Tues., Thurs., Sat., Sun. - 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

- Thursday - 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm



CLERK'S CORNER

By Michele Bukoveckas, Town Clerk

On May 22nd, voters will be asked to elect individuals for the following positions: 2 Selectmen, 4 Budget Committee Members, 2 School Board Members, 1 Dr. Joseph Potter Fitch Trustee and 1 Cemetery Trustee. In addition, M.S.A.D. #61 will be having their School Budget Vote at Lakes Region High School on May 15, 2012 at 6:30 pm. Voters will then be asked to validate the budget on May 22, 2012. The polls will open at 8:00 am and will close at



8:00 pm. Absentee ballots should be available the first week of May for the Municipal Ballot, and on May 16th for the School Ballot.

Don't forget that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on June 2nd starting at 9:00 am at the Town Hall to vote on the Town Budget and other important issues in our Town. Come and be part of a great governmental process!



On June 12, 2012, a Primary Election will be held to nominate United States Senators, Congressmen, State Senators, State Representative, and County Offices and State Referendum and Bond questions.



A reminder that your recreational licenses, boats, ATVs, dogs, vehicles and trailers can be renewed on-line by using the links on our webpage at www.townofsebago.org.



A reminder from the Fire Chief

“Don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.”

Fuel Assistance Program

By Edythe Harnden, Selectman/General Assistance Administrator

In an effort to assist families with their heating costs, who are not eligible for General Assistance because according to the State guidelines they are considered over income, the Town of Sebago has established a Fuel Assistance Program.

This past August, Sebago residents very generously donated items to our bake and yard sale fund raising event. This was done with the help of several Town Officials and their families along with my



husband and family. We set up tables to sell some remaining items during the November election. Due to these efforts and with the help of some very generous monetary donations that were received we have been able to have fuel delivered, both oil and wood, to families in need.



We are planning to form a committee to help with ideas to raise funds for the next heating season. If you are interested in joining this committee, please leave me a message at the Town Office at 787-2457 and I will return your call to discuss our goals.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS



TAX PAYMENTS DUE: The second half of the 2011 Property Taxes are due on May 1, 2012. If you are unsure of the balance due on your property, please call the Town Office at 787-2457.



TOWN BEACH & DOUGLAS MOUNTAIN

2012 SEASON:

Opens Memorial Day weekend.



ASSESSORS FIELD WORK:

The Town of Sebago will be conducting it's yearly assessing of resident properties. Employees from John O'Donnell & Associates have permission from the Town of Sebago to assess properties in the Town. **If you have any questions or concerns, please call 787-2457.**



CHANGE OF ADDRESS NOTIFICATION:

Please remember that if you change your mailing address, you should notify this office of the change when you;

- Pay your property taxes
- Register your motor vehicle(s)
- Register your recreational vehicle(s)
- Update your Voter Registration card
- Renew your Fishing/Hunting License



FROM THE DOGHOUSE

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

I'd like to share this very important Press Release with you from the Maine Center for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) regarding rabies.

Warmer Weather May Be Cause of Increase in Rabid Animals

With the addition of two foxes in the same York County neighborhood testing positive for rabies, the increased number of rabies cases in the first month of



2012 has prompted the Maine Center for Disease Control and the Maine Department of

Agriculture to remind people to be cautious around wild animals and to vaccinate their pets.



In January 2012, 11 cases of rabies have been confirmed, while in 2011, only one animal tested positive for the virus. Rabid animals have been reported in Androscoggin, Cumberland, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford and York counties.

"The uncharacteristically warm winter weather that we've been experiencing and the lack of significant snowfall may be contributing to the increase by enabling wild animals to roam more freely," said Dr. Don Hoenig, State Veterinarian with the Maine Department of Agriculture.

The rabies virus is spread when infected animals bite or scratch a person or another animal. The virus can also be spread if saliva or tissue from the brain or spinal cord touches broken skin or gets into the mouth, nose or eyes, Hoenig said.

The most common wild animals to carry rabies are raccoons, skunks, bats, foxes,

and coyotes. Domestic mammals can also get rabies.



Dr. Stephen Sears, State Epidemiologist from Maine CDC, reminds Mainers to avoid contact with wild animals, to keep their pets close to home and to make sure all pets are up to date on rabies vaccination.

PLEASE BE CAREFUL!

Rabies is a very serious problem, if you believe there is a rabid animal in your neighborhood, **do not go near the animal**. Please don't take any chances, contact me at my e-mail address at asktheACO@yahoo.com or call Standish Dispatch at 642-4343 and they will page me.



Anyone can give up, it's the easiest thing in the world to do. But to hold it together when everyone else would understand if you fell apart, that's true strength. Spring truly is a time for new beginnings.

2012 PWD Rain Barrel Promotion

By Kirsten Ness, Water Resources Specialist
Portland Water District

Once again, the Portland Water District is offering discounted rain barrels in the spring of 2012.

This program has been ongoing for the last few years and has proved to be very successful.



Rain barrels provide an innovative way to capture rainwater from your roof and store it for later use. Water collected by

rain barrels can be used to water lawns, gardens, and indoor plants. This water would otherwise run off your roof or through downspouts and become storm water, picking up pollutants on its way to a storm drain, stream, or lake. Here's a great way to conserve water and reduce polluted storm water runoff. Please visit www.pwd.org for pricing, ordering, and pick up information. Ordering deadline is May 11, 2012.

For more information about rain barrels, contact Kirsten Ness at kness@pwd.org.

Senior Weatherization Program Update

By Edythe Harnden, Selectmen/General Assistance Administrator

The Town has received two grants from the government for this program. So far, we have been able to help out six senior citizen families. We have replaced roofs, windows, doors, insulation, ceilings, a water heater and siding. We have worked with Lowes in Windham and they have gone above and beyond to help our Town. We are also always looking for volunteers to help with labor. If you are a senior citizen and would like help, or if you would like to give us some help in our efforts, please leave me a message at the Town Office at 787-2457 and I will return your call to discuss the program with you.





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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 pm)



April 3 & 17
May 1 & 15
June 5 & 19

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

(Tuesdays at 7:00 pm)

April 10
May 8
June 12



RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

SEA DOGS GAME: June 21, 2012

Cost: \$5.00 per person.

Bus leaves the Sebago Elementary School at 4:30 pm.

Sign up at the Sebago Town Office.



WHALES TALE WATER PARK:

Date to be announced in early June.
Cost: \$35.00 for the day. Must be seven years of age to attend. Leave the Sebago Town Hall at 9:00 am and return by 6:00 pm.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 7, 2012

Children ages 2 to 12 come join the hunt for the multi colored hen fruit. Bring your baskets or bags to collect the eggs you find. The hunt will begin promptly at 9:00 am at the Sebago Elementary School playground. See you all there!



SOCCER REGISTRATION

When: Tuesday, May 29, 2012

Time: 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Where: Sebago Town Office

Coaches are needed at all levels!!!



SUMMER SWIM LESSONS

Bridgton Recreation is joining Sebago Recreation to offer this program. Lessons are held in Bridgton at Woods Pond and Highland Lake.



Sebago residents pay the resident rate of \$10 per child or \$30 per family per session. **Classes begin June 25, 2012. 2nd session begins July 23, 2012.**

Registration forms are available at Sebago Town Office and Bridgton Town Office.



For questions on Recreation Department activities contact Corinne Davis at 595-8173 or at Corinnecdavis@yahoo.com.

HAPPY SPRING!

