

# SEBAGO HAPPENINGS

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## Town of Sebago, Maine

Approved by the Board of Selectmen



### SEBAGO DAYS 2013 IS CELEBRATING 35 YEARS!

#### HOURS OF OPERATION

##### Town Office

*Tuesdays*

10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Wed., Thurs., Fri.

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

##### Transfer Station

*Tues., Thurs., Sat., Sun.*

7:00 am - 5:00 pm

##### General

##### Assistance

*Thursdays*

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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By Carl Dolloff, President Sebago Days Committee

Hello folks, as I look out my office window at all the snow on the ground it's hard to believe that it is time to start thinking again about Sebago Days. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Annual Sebago Days event



on July 19th & 20th.

This year marks our 35th year of putting on this fun filled event.

Unfortunately, this winter the committee lost a very well known and dedicated member, Robert Greene. Robert was the electrician overseeing the power and lighting needs for the committee for over 10 years. He worked long hard dedicated hours for the Sebago Days Committee during the annual two day event. He was our right hand man that literally kept the lights on for us. He is going to be sadly missed by the committee and town's people who knew him for his generosity and vigor. The committee is dedicating this year's Sebago Days event to the memory of our dear friend. Due to the loss of his services we are now looking for a dedicated electrician who would be willing to give us a helping hand during this year's



event. Please feel free to call me at 787-3732 if you'd be willing to help out.

Thinking ahead to summer, I want to let you know about some of the new activities that the committee has been working hard on for this year. D+I Amusements will be making a comeback this year. The Sebago Historical Society and the Sebago Days Committee teamed up to bring you what we hope will be a very entertaining adventure. Company A, 3rd Maine Regiment Volunteer Infantry



Civil War Encampment will be setting up camp on the fairgrounds as if

they were on the battle ground. They will be performing an infantry drill, a skirmish, and basically telling us about camp life through songs and stories. For more information about this civil war encampment, go to [www.thirdmaine.org](http://www.thirdmaine.org).

The committee will also be welcoming a company called G Force Laser Tag Corp. This activity is an outdoor game of laser tag that challenges any size group of players, aged 5 to 95 with almost any level of athletic or physical ability,

with increasing skill and strategy.

This year we've got three really good bands playing for us. On Friday night the Fire Water Creek Band will perform some red hot country music, on Saturday we've got the Army National Guard Band playing all sorts of music and Saturday night the Tricky Britches Band will be back to entertain us with blue grass and other music as well. Following the Tricky Britches performance will be the ever popular fireworks display which is always fabulous.



As usual there will be the Bonus Drawings, Talent Shows, Fun Run, Kiddie Parade and the Grand Parade, so come one and all, and have a ball.



If your interested in volunteering, would like to rent vendor space, or need information on the parades or talent shows please contact me at 787-3732 or Bob Burns at 787-2489. For information or to pre-register for the Fun Run contact Jeff Cutting at Jordan's Store at 787-3866.



# FROM THE DOGHOUSE



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

Dear Friends,  
I hope you and your furry friends have had a safe winter. I have spoken to several local Veterinarians concerning Parvovirus, which has been diagnosed in every office I spoke with. Please have your pet vaccinated against Parvo for optimal protection.



Canine parovirus is an acute, highly contagious disease of dogs that was first described in the early 1970s. The virus has a tendency to attack rapidly reproducing cells, such as those lining the gastrointestinal tract.

The virus is shed in large amounts in the stools of acutely infected dogs for up to several weeks following infection. The disease is transmitted by oral contact with infected feces. Parvo can be carried on the dog's hair and feet, as well as on contaminated crates, shoes,

and other objects. When the dog licks the fecal material off hair, feet, or anything that came in contact with infected feces, he acquires the disease.

Suspect parvo in all pups with the abrupt onset of vomiting and diarrhea. The most efficient way to diagnose parvo is to identify either the virus or virus antigens in stools. An in-office blood serum test (ELISA) is available for rapid veterinary diagnosis. False negatives do occur. Virus isolation techniques are more precise, but require an outside laboratory.

Treatment: Dogs with this disease require intensive veterinary management. In all but the most mild cases, hospitalization is essential to correct dehydration and electrolyte imbalances.

Intravenous fluids and medications to control vomiting and diarrhea are often required. More severe cases may require blood plasma transfusions and other intensive care.



Puppies and dogs should not eat or drink until the vomiting has stopped, but require fluid support during that time. This can take three to five days. Antibiotics are prescribed to prevent septicemia and other bacterial complications, which are the usual cause of death.

The outcome depends upon the virulence of the specific strain of parvovirus, the age and immune status of the dog, and how quickly the treatment is started. Most pups who are under good veterinary care recover without complications.

Prevention: Thoroughly clean and disinfect the quarters of infected animals. Parvo is an extremely hardy virus that resists most household cleaners and survives on the premises for months. The most effective disinfectant is household bleach in a 1:32 dilution. The bleach must be left on the contaminated surface for 20 minutes before being rinsed.



**Don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors!**

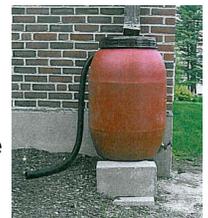
## 2013 PWD RAIN BARREL PROMOTION

By Kirsten Ness, Water Resources Specialist, Portland Water District

The Portland Water District is offering discounted rain barrels in the spring of 2013.

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 way to conserve water and reduce polluted storm water runoff. Please visit [www.pwd.org](http://www.pwd.org) for pricing, ordering and pick up information. Ordering deadline is May 12, 2013. For more information about rain barrels, you can contact me at [kness@pwd.org](mailto:kness@pwd.org).



### ASSESSOR'S FIELD WORK

The Town of Sebago will be conducting it's yearly assessing of 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.**





## CLERK'S CORNER



By Michele Bukoveckas, Town Clerk

On May 21st voters will be asked to elect individuals for the following positions:



2 Selectmen, 2 Budget Committee Member, 1 Dr. Joseph Potter Fitch Trustee and 1 Cemetery Trustee. The polls will open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 8:00 p.m. Absentee ballots for the Town Election should be available the first week of May.



The M.S.A.D. #61 School Budget Meeting will be held at Lakes Region High School May 7th at 6:30 p.m. I strongly encourage the public

to attend and participate. The validation of the school budget will occur on May 21st.



Don't forget that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on June 1st starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall to vote on the Town Budget and other important issues in our Town. Come and be part of the great governmental process!

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](http://www.townofsebago.org).



The Town of Sebago now accepts credit cards and debit cards for payments. Please note that payments are made through a third-party payment processor, Maine PayPort, **each payment made through this service will incur a Maine PayPort fee of 2.5% of the transaction total.** There is a minimum fee of \$1.00. Cards accepted are: Mastercard, Visa, American Express and Discover.



The **second half of the 2012 Property Taxes are due on May 7, 2013.** If you are unsure of the balance due on your property, please call the Town Office at 787-2457.



## PWD'S POSITION ON THE TAR SANDS ISSUE

Submitted by the Portland Water District

The Portland Water District has served as a steward of the Sebago Lake water supply for over a century. We are following the Tar Sands issue and educating ourselves on the topic. A committee of the Board of Trustees is holding a series of educational workshops on the issue, inviting both proponents and opponents to separate meetings.

There has not yet been a proposal to transport tar sands oil through the watershed. If one is proposed, we will be part of the discussion to advocate for the safest practices and to ensure all environmental implications are considered.

## PWD OFFERS "PROFILES OF WOODLAND STEWARDSHIP"

Submitted by Brie Holme, Portland Water District

Attention woodland owners! Come learn about resources available to you, including financial assistance for forest management plans, conservation easements, and attracting wildlife at the Magic Lantern Movie Theater on Monday, May 6th at 6:30 p.m. There will be a free showing of the short documentary film, Profiles of Woodland Stewardship, along with an informational session hosted by the Maine Forest Service, Portland Water District, and Natural Resources Conservation Service. Please register in advance with Brie Holme at 523-5405 or [bholme@pwd.org](mailto:bholme@pwd.org).



## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION PROGRAM IN SEBAGO



By Maureen F. Scanlon, Editor

We've all seen them, those brightly colored squares on many of our food products that say Box Tops (or Labels) for Education. But, did you know that if you cut them off of the package that you can drop them off at the Town Office where they will be forwarded to the Sebago Elementary School. Last year they collected approx. \$800.00 in additional funding to help support school activities. So, before you throw out those empty containers, don't forget to cut off the box tops (or labels) from the packaging and drop them off at the Town Office, every little bit truly does help.

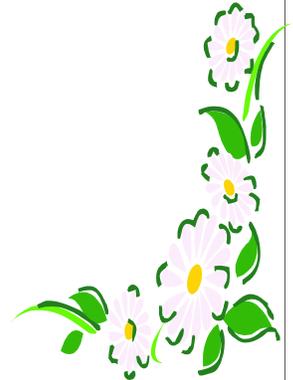
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## MISSION STATEMENT

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.

# Community Calendar

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETINGS

(Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.)



April 2 & 16  
May 7 & 21  
June 4 & 18

### PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

(Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.)

April 9  
May 14  
June 11



### TOWN BEACH & DOUGLAS MOUNTAIN



**2013 Season  
opens Memorial  
Day weekend.**



### RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

#### SOCCER REGISTRATION



Anyone want to play some soccer? Well, now is the time to start thinking about registering for the next season. Registration will begin in May. Forms will be sent home with each child in Sebago Elementary and will also be available at the Town Office.

Fee: \$15 per child (K); \$40 per child/  
\$55 per family grades 1-6  
**(\$20 per child gr. 1-6/\$35 per family  
if registered by June 30.)**

Soccer season runs from September through early November. Teams are Kindergarten; grades 1,2-3, 4-5-6. Boys league and girls league.

### SUMMER SWIM LESSONS



Due to popular demand, once again the Bridgton Recreation Dept. is joining the Sebago Recreation Dept. in offering 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 the last week in June. 2nd session begins in July.** Registration forms will be available at the Sebago Town Office and the Bridgton Town Office.



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

