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SEBAGO HAPPENINGS



Fire Prevention Starts at Home!

By Maureen F. Scanlon,
Editor

Although it is still quite warm outside, it is time to start thinking about the cooler weather which makes me think about Fire Prevention Day & Week. Did you know that Fire Prevention Day is always celebrated on October 9th.

In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation, and since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls. Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871.



3:00 a.m.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11pm and 7am, when most people are asleep. Smoke alarms save lives. Keep your family safe at home with a working smoke alarm in every bedroom. If there is a fire in your home, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out. In fact, having a working smoke alarm cuts the chances of dying in a reported fire in half! When it comes to smoke alarms, it's about "location, location, location". The key message of this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign is to install smoke alarms in every sleeping area, and on every level of your home, including the basement. **Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years.**

Here are some other interesting facts that I

discovered while researching this article:

One quarter of home fire deaths were caused by fires that started in the bedroom. Another quarter resulted from fires in the living room, family room or den.



When smoke alarms fail to operate, it is usually because batteries are missing, disconnected, or dead. **A good idea would be to replace the batteries annually in the fall when the clock "falls back".**

Almost three-quarters of Americans do have an escape plan; however, more than half never practice it. Two of every five home fires start in the kitchen. Nearly three in five candle fires start when things that can burn are too close to the candle. I hope this information is helpful and gets you thinking about fire prevention in your home.



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HOURS OF OPERATION:

Town Office:

- ♦ Tuesday - 10am—7pm
- ♦ Wed., Thurs., Fri. 8am—5pm

Transfer Station:

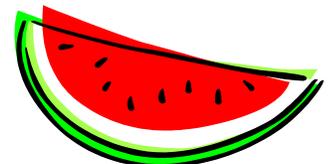
- ♦ Tues., Thurs., Sat., Sun. 7am—5pm

General Assistance:

- ♦ Tuesday - 1pm—3pm

Town Office Closing for Training

Please take notice of the fact that the Town Office will be closing early, for training, at 1:00 pm on Thursday, October 15th.





SEBAGO BRANCH DUCKERS NEWS!

By Judi Damsky, Liaison for the Sebago Branch Duckers

It is crazy, last winter it took until the end of January for the weather to produce snow enough to snowmobile on. Today, July 28, 2015 we are still waiting for a steady supply of sun for summer to begin. Like the crazy weather I'm talking about Snowmobiling, upcoming trail work, and the tuning and repairing of equipment at the beginning of August. Yes, thoughts and planning are underway. Just to keep everyone updated, we have had a change of officers, brought in 8 new members, we may have a good lead on a newer trail groomer, and joined the newly formed "regional snowmobile group" so things are "Happening" with the Sebago Branch Duckers.

Remember, we still need "You".

Last winter, it was a pleasure snowmobiling up the trail from Shiloh Rd. in Baldwin to Douglas Mountain with almost a double wide trail. The area from Convene Rd. in Sebago to the Denmark line looked like a new super highway when the groomer worked. After inspection by the higher authorities, the only complaints we had were regarding stop signs, which were immediately fixed and one complaint of misuse of a trail.



We are excited to welcome Chris Anderson as our new President of the Sebago Branch Duckers backed by Tucker Daigle and Adam Wright, all recent new members. They are an unbelievable benefit to the club. All have passed the Grooming License test, have knowledge of hands on experience with grooming equipment repairs/upkeep of them, and have

been initializing filing the appropriate paperwork needed to possibly procure some funding.

Remember, we still need "YOU". If you are reading this, use the trails for any purpose, come join our work parties. We offer free exercise, companionship, and a route to travel on in the future. Our meetings are on the 2nd Monday of each month in the old Town Hall building at 7:00 pm starting in September. Applications for membership can be obtained by calling Judi Damsky Sneider at (617) 548-2050 or at the Sebago Town Office.



Again, thanks to our Landowners who let us so graciously travel over their property.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT HAPPENINGS!

Basketball: Basketball starts in November. Registration forms will be available at the Town Office in October.



Town Halloween Party: Friday "Fright Day" Oct. 30th, 6pm-7:30pm. The third annual "Trick or Trunk" event will take place immediately after the party in the Town Hall parking lot. Don't forget to bring your "goodies" bag.



Town Christmas Tree Lighting: This event will be held at the Veteran's Memorial Park (next to the Elementary School) on the first Sunday in



December (12/6) at 5:30pm. Join us for hot chocolate, Christmas caroling and a special visit from Santa Claus.

Adult Snowshoeing: Once again, residents of Sebago ages 18 years and older may borrow snowshoes from the Town's Recreation Department at no cost to you.



Other Recreation Department programs being planned are: Kids Karate, Women's Zumba and Mad Science Class. For more on these fun events check out the town's website at www.townofsebago.org and click on the "activities" link under the Recreation Department tab. You can also check us out on Face-

book under "Sebago Department of Recreation" and sign up for future notifications via e-mail.

If you would like more info. on, or would like to help out with any of these activities, please contact Denise Olsen at (207) 749-5259. **Volunteers are always needed!**



Family Time is Fun Time!

BECOME A SEBAGO LAKESCAPER AND EARN UP TO \$2,000

Submitted by the Portland Water District

Improve your property or camp road and protect the lake with a matching grant from Portland Water District. Our Sebago Lakescaping Program offers matching grants of up to \$1,000 for individual land owners and up to \$2,000 for lake and road associations, businesses, commercial summer camps, not for profit organizations, and other groups. If your property is within 250 feet of Sebago Lake or a major tributary, contact us at sebagolake@pwd.org for a free site visit and to find out if you are eligible.



DO I NEED A BURN PERMIT OR A CAMPFIRE PERMIT?

By Maureen F. Scanlon, Editor

Did you know that there is a difference between Burn Permits and Seasonal Campfire Permits? The Sebago Town Office issues both to Sebago residents and vacationers.

The primary difference between the two are the materials being burned and the purpose of the burn. If you are planning to sit around the campfire for the purpose of cooking (IE: marshmallows or hotdogs) or “warming up”, then you should obtain a Seasonal Campfire Permit. This type of permit can be issued for the entire summer season on an annual basis. A campfire is considered a fire that is kept in an enclosed stone circle area and the flame is kept low enough that a person could physically jump over it.



Now, that doesn't mean you should try jumping over it, it just means that you need to keep the flame low.

Burn Permits are required by Law when you want to do any open burning - all year long. This type of permit is something that is issued on a daily basis according to the Fire Class Day which is determined by the Maine Forestry Service. Our office is not allowed to issue this type of permit until 9am each morning when the Fire Class Day is announced if the State allows burning on that particular day. This permit is the one you need when you want to clean up the brush and debris in your yard.

To obtain a Seasonal Campfire Permit, you can go to the Town Office and get one. Please keep in mind that if you have a Seasonal Campfire Permit you still can't burn on a day when “no burning

is allowed” according to the Fire Class Day. If you are unsure as to whether or not you can burn, please contact the Standish Dispatch Center at 642-4343 to find out if you can burn on that day.

To obtain a Burn Permit, you can go to the Town Office or you can go to the Standish Dispatch Center located on Route 35 in the Town of Standish. You can also obtain an on-line burn permit by following the link to the State of Maine's on-line burning permit site at <http://www.state.me.us/doc/mfs/firedanger/fire.shtml>. Be advised that there is a fee for these on-line permits. There are no fees involved if you obtain it from the Town Office or Standish Dispatch.

Remember to always be diligent and practice Fire Safety when burning.



IS THIS THE END OF “SEBAGO HAPPENINGS”?

By Maureen F. Scanlon, Editor



I want to give you all a “heads up” that for the time being and until further notice this will be your final edition of the “Sebago Happenings” newsletter. I've tried to provide you with timely and timeless articles to help improve the overall quality of your life here in Sebago. I hope that you have found at least some of the information useful. However, this does not mean that things will no longer be “happening” in Sebago. You can still stay informed by checking out the town's website at www.townofsebago.org.

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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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**CARRIER ROUTE
PRESORT POSTAL PATRON
ECRWSS**

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETINGS

(Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.)



September 1 & 15
October 6 & 20
November 3
December 1

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

(Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.)

September 8
October 13
November 10
December 8



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Sunday, November 1, 2015
at 2:00 a.m. "Daylight Savings" time
ends in the United States (except
Hawaii & Arizona).
Don't forget to
"fall back" 1 hour.



ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015



(Polls are open
8:00 am to 8:00 pm
at the Town Office
Building.)

**MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
LENDING CLOSET**

Nobody plans to get
hurt and buy costly
medical equipment,
but if you do find
yourself in the position of need-
ing to borrow items such as a
wheelchair, walker, or
crutches, the Medical
Equipment Lending
Closet may be able to
help. Contact Corinne
Aucoin at 787-2177 if you
need to borrow equipment
or would like to donate items.



WINTER SALT/SAND

**AVAILABLE FOR
SEBAGO RESIDENTS**

Sebago residents
and taxpayers
may obtain salt/
sand from the
designated area in
the lean-to build-
ing located in
front of the Public
Works Garage
(and next to the
EMS Bldg.) to use
only on their own property
located in the Town of Sebago.
Contractors shall not obtain
or use any town salt/sand for
commercial purposes.
Your safety is our concern!



Have a nice day!