

TOWN OF SEBAGO, MAINE  
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# Sebago Happenings

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## HOURS OF OPERATION

### Town Office

**Tuesday**  
10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Wednesday  
thru Friday**  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Transfer Station

**Tuesday, Thursday,  
Saturday, Sunday**  
7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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## Sebago Changes Town Office Hours

By Allen Crabtree  
Selectman Chair

Effective June 13, 2009 the hours and days that the Sebago Town Office are open every week have been changed to reflect the shift in user patterns that have been taking place over the last several months. The Town Office will be open the same 36 hours a week as before, but instead of being open on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until noon it will be open until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays to allow people to come in after work.

The new hours and days are Tuesday (10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.), Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.)

The change was made in part because of the marked increase in the use of on-line services by the public, and also a decline in traffic at the Town Office window.

While there is often a line right around tax time twice a year as people come to pay their property taxes, there are also periods with no one at the window. Part of this is due to the shift seen as taxpayers find it is more convenient to go on-line to handle their business from home rather than making the drive to the Town Office and waiting in line.

Anyone with a computer and an on-line connection can now handle much of the town business from home. There are links on the Town of Sebago website to several sites (go to <http://www.townofsebago.org/Pages/index>). People may [register their cars, trucks and trailers](#) with the State Bureau of Motor Vehicles through the Rapid Renewal service (<http://www.maine.gov/informe/municipal/rapidrenewal.htm>), [buy a hunting and fishing license or register their ATV, snowmobile or boat](#) (<http://www.maine.gov/online/sporting/>), get a [burning permit](#) (<http://www.informe.org/cgi-bin/burningpermits/step2.pl>), and [buy dog licenses](#) ([https://www.10.informe.org/dog\\_licenses/](https://www.10.informe.org/dog_licenses/)). There are a number of other on-line services through the state also available ([http://www.maine.gov/sos/online\\_services/index.html](http://www.maine.gov/sos/online_services/index.html)).

The change was also made as Sebago found that it was one of the only towns in the Lakes Region that had regular hours every Saturday of each month. Many towns across the state are not open at all on Saturday, or perhaps only one or two Saturdays each month. As a result, we often had folks from those towns coming to Sebago on Saturday to register their motor vehicles or get licenses when their own

town offices were closed. While this is allowed by the State of Maine there is only a small fee collected by the town and it didn't seem fair to the taxpayers of Sebago, so an attempt has been made to better serve our citizens.

The Selectmen ask the taxpayers and citizens of Sebago to give the new Town Office hours a fair trial to see if it meets their needs. At their Tuesday, August 18, 2009 meeting the Selectmen will review the first two months of usage with the new hours, hear any comments from the public to see how the new hours are working, and make a decision whether to continue them or not. The public is encouraged to attend if you have something to say, one way or another.





**SEBAGO EMS  
IS READY TO  
RESPOND WHEN  
YOU HAVE AN  
EMERGENCY!**

*As Eleanor Roosevelt  
once said, "If anyone  
were to ask me what  
the purpose of Life is,  
I would say the  
opportunity for doing  
a kind thing for  
someone else each  
day... in no other  
way, I am convinced,  
can true happiness be  
obtained."*

## SEBAGO EMS — We're There When You Need Us Most!

By Michael Foye  
Assistant Rescue Chief

Emergency Medical Services continue to be provided to the Town of Sebago by Sebago EMS. We have a small group of volunteers as well as a number of paid per-diem EMT personnel who will respond to calls. The per-diem rescue personnel are paid to work in Sebago during the day. For many years, Sebago EMS was strictly an all volunteer service. However, with more of the volunteers working out of town during the day, it became neces-

sary to hire personnel to help provide adequate medical coverage to the town during the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. This system has provided the town with a very workable combination. The licensure level of both volunteers and paid per-diem range from Basic EMT to Paramedic. The Sebago EMS volunteers provide coverage from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. and, if they are in town during the day, will often respond to a call with the paid on duty per-diem. When paid personnel are on duty, they are located in the

Rescue Station on Pit Road. During the summer months of July and August, we have an EMT on duty at the rescue station 7 days a week. Sebago EMS will again be providing emergency medical coverage on the Sebago Days grounds during the 3-day event which will be held July 16-18, 2009. Sebago Days takes place at the ball fields behind Sebago Elementary School.



## CLERK'S CORNER

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS FROM THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.

**NEW TOWN OFFICE HOURS** – Effective June 13, 2009, the Town Office will **no longer** be open on Saturdays. Our new hours will be: Tuesday – 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday – 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**ON-LINE SERVICES AVAILABLE** – The following transactions can be done on-line at: <http://www.townofsebago.org>

- Re-register your vehicle and/or trailers
- Purchase Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- Re-register your ATVs, Snowmobiles, and Boats
- Register your dog
- Obtain Assessing Information

**PROPERTY TAXES** – Tax Bills for the fiscal 2010 Tax Season will be mailed out during the first week of October 2009. The first half of your 2009 Property Taxes will be due on November 1, 2009 with the second half being due on May 1, 2010 as voted on, and approved at, the Annual Town Meeting held on June 6, 2009.

### IMPORTANT NOTES REGARDING TAX PAYMENTS:

- #1. November 1, 2009 falls on a Sunday (when the Town Office is closed) therefore interest will not start to accrue on taxes due until Wednesday, November 4, 2009.
- #2. May 1, 2010 falls on a Saturday (when the Town Office is closed) therefore interest will not start to accrue on taxes due until Wednesday, May 5, 2010.
- #3. **REMINDER: You will only receive one tax bill with two payment stubs on the bottom of the bill for submitting payment on the aforementioned due dates. A reminder notice will not be sent out in May 2010.**

**HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY (Transfer Station)** – July 11, 2009 (9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

**SEBAGO DAYS** – July 16, 17, & 18 (behind the Sebago Elementary School)

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

## “From the Doghouse”

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



“We are continuously faced by great opportunities brilliantly disguised as insoluble problems.”  
Lee Iacocca

With tough economic times facing us all, the number of abandoned animals seems to be on the rise. A domestic animal is not accustomed to fending for themselves. If you can no longer provide for your animal, please do not abandon them; contact your local Animal Control Officer or Animal Shelter. We are there to help. When we find a stray, we take it to Harvest Hills Animal Shelter where, by law, they are held for six days and then become the property of the shelter. That time could be saved, and the animal matched with a new owner if you voluntarily surrender your animal. The more information we have on the animal the better chance of a perfect match. We understand, this can be a difficult decision, and we only want the best outcome possible for you and your pet.

Speaking of tough times, Harvest Hills Animal Shelter provides a wonderful service to animals in need however; they are also feeling the economic crunch. In an effort to provide some assistance to the shelter, a pet food donation box is located at the Town Office if you would like to help out. There is also a donation bank (in the shape of a puppy) if you would prefer to make a monetary donation. Every little bit helps!

## Public Works Updates

By Dan Nowell, Public Works Director

We have made many strides in performing necessary repairs and improvements throughout the town. We will continue to move forward with the help of our very knowledgeable, capable, and hard working staff members. The crew works together as a team in getting the job done each and every time. In spite of all the rain, the crew continues to move on with the town’s ditching program. We have completed the ditching on the Long Hill Road end of Fitch Road. Currently we are ditching along Swamp Road in an effort to preserve the pavement until it can be paved, which may be some time down the road. When the ditching along Swamp Road is completed, we will return to Hancock Pond Road and continue our way towards Rte. 107 replacing culverts and continuing with the ditching work. When we complete the Hancock Pond Road, we will re-locate to the Kimball Corner Road. We will start ditching from the intersection of the Peaked Mountain Road and continue on to the Naples Town Line, while also replacing any culverts that need to be replaced along the way.

The town’s dirt roads have been re-graveled with 3/4” crushed gravel, to improve travel across the roads that were damaged during the severe mud season that we experienced.

F.R. Carroll will be providing paving services for the town this year. We will start paving the Dyke Mountain Road which is three miles long. It may take a couple of years to complete the paving of this road. In addition, the Town Office parking lot will be re-paved this year.

## Activities for Seniors

By Maureen F. Scanlon, Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk

If you know of an activity that may be of interest to the senior and disabled residents in our community, please give me a call at the Town Office at 787-2457 so that we can get the word out to others.

**WALKING CLUB** - This is a great way to get some exercise while socializing with your Sebago neighbors no matter what the weather is like outside. Walking sessions are held weekly at the Town Hall building. If you are interested in joining the Walking Club, contact Arlene Clow at 787-3520 for more information.

**HOLLYWOOD SLOTS (Bangor, ME.)** - Contact Recreation Department Director, Corrine Davis at (207) 595-8173 if you are interested in attending the bus trip in July.

**OWLS HEAD TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM (Owls Head, ME.)** - Contact Recreation Department Director, Corrine Davis at (207) 595-8173 if you are interested in attending the bus trip in July.





## Town of Sebago

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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.)  
July 7th & 21st  
August 4th & 18th  
September 1st & 15th

### Planning Board Meetings

(Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.)  
July 14th  
August 11th  
September 8th

### Hazardous Waste Day

(at the Transfer Station)  
July 11, 2009

### Sebago Days Event

July 16, 17 & 18

### Fireworks & Parade

are on Saturday, July 18



### Looking for Volunteers

to serve on an Ad-Hoc Committee to assess the needs of our cemeteries.

If interested, contact Town Manager, Jim Smith for more information.

### RECREATION DEPT. ITEMS

Contact Corinne Davis at (207) 595-8173  
or at [Corinnecdavis@yahoo.com](mailto:Corinnecdavis@yahoo.com)  
for more information.

**Soccer Season** - begins September 1st

### Swim Program @ Woods Pond (Bridgton)

2 three week sessions beginning in June and ending in August

### Whitewater Rafting Trip in July

Register Now - Pre-registration is Required

### Halloween Party

October 30, 2009 @ the Town Hall Building  
from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.