

Sebago Happenings

FIRE BOAT TO THE RESCUE!

By Phil Strike, President
Sebago Fire Company

The Sebago Fire Company would like to provide an update to the public on the efforts so far in pursuit of a rescue boat and equipment. First of all, we would like to thank all of those who have helped us in this journey that began three and a half years ago. Earlier this year, it was determined that funds raised to date allowed us to place a down payment on the purchase of a rescue boat. Through multiple meetings and decisions, as well as a few test boats, the end result was an inflatable 16 ft. Rib Craft. This style boat is made

for military use as well as fire and rescue which means it is made to take a pounding. As everyone knows, some days Sebago Lake can be a little angry, but to a certain point, this boat can handle it. Another desirable feature is the fact that it can be carried by 4 to 6 people if the call is in a river or hard to reach pond.

On May 12, 2010 the Sebago Fire Department took delivery of their new rescue boat. Training has already begun on the boat and will be ready for use this boating season. An arch is being installed to have lights for night operations, as well as



communications. The Fire Company is still raising money to finish outfitting the boat with additional equipment such as helmets, rope, suits and other rescue related equipment. Again, we would like to say thank you for all of your support with this ongoing effort.

Anyone interested in contributing to our fund raising efforts, please send your contributions to the Sebago Community Fire Company, PO Box 179, Sebago, ME. 04029. For more information, please contact Lt. Phil Strike at 671-6209 or Firefighter John Lucy at 787-2745.



EMTS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED

By Lauris Champagne,
Sebago Rescue Chief

When you received that doctors or nurses kit as a child, did it make you think you'd grow up to be in the medical field? Did the amount of schooling and the cost of tuition stop that dream? Well, Sebago Rescue can make part of that dream come true.

We are always looking for new

licensed members and are willing to help with part of the cost for training. Starting September 7th a Basic EMT class is being offered at St. Josephs College in Standish. This course will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30pm to 9:30pm with additional classes on five Saturdays. The course will end in December. Applica-

tion deadline is August 27th. The instructor is Brent Libby from Standish. Brent is an excellent instructor, a paramedic and the Standish Fire Chief.

If this has peaked your interest, please contact Southern Maine EMS at 871-2790 or Sebago EMS at 787-3913 for further information and an application.



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HOURS OF OPERATION

TOWN OFFICE

- Tuesday
10am to 7pm
 - Wednesday
thru Friday
8am to 5pm
- #### TRANSFER STATION
- Tuesday, Thursday,
Saturday,
Sunday
7am to 5pm

A PLEDGE FROM YOUR CLERKS



I'm your Municipal Clerk, appointed and sworn, to serve all the people in my little town. To be honest and kind, diligent and true, to each and every person, not just a few, who enters my office or calls on the phone, meeting each need as if 'twas my own.

I keep Town records safe and secure, Selectmen minutes and much more. I file birth and death records, marriages too, license dogs, and register voters just like you. I answer the phone and what questions I hear -

from "When is Sebago Days?" to "Got doe permits this year?" I budget, I spend, schedule election clerks too, supervise the voting, record the results - oh what a zoo! I advertise meetings, post agendas, give directions, submit monthly reports to the Selectmen and the State, reconcile the accounts; ain't bookkeeping great! I get out old records, wipe off the dust, someone is here about genealogy stuff. I update ordinances, correct misconceptions - most days I'm going in all directions.

Anything less than my best for my town, certainly would be wrong - I'd be letting you down. So I pledge to you all, to do my very best, to meet each new law, citizen and test; listen to your dilemma to determine your need; and help resolve the matter, smiling indeed. I search the Town Laws and State Statutes too, to find the right answer, a wrong one won't do.

Michele Bukoveckas, Town Clerk
Lin Greene, Deputy Clerk
Maureen Scanlon, Deputy Clerk



Clerk's Corner & Ask the Tax Collector

CLERK'S CORNER

PROPERTY TAXES - Tax Bills for the fiscal 2010 Tax Season will be mailed out during the first week of October 2010. The first half of your 2010 Property Taxes will be due on November 2, 2010 with the second half being due on May 3, 2011 as voted on, and approved, at the Annual Town Meeting held on June 5, 2010. **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 2011.**

HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY (at the Transfer Station)

Saturday, July 10, 2010 (9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

Michele Bukoveckas, Town Clerk

THANKS!

From the Cemetery Committee

The Cemetery Committee would like to thank all of the volunteers who participated in the clean-up day on May 16th. Four cemeteries were weed whacked, raked and had bushes trimmed. Many stones were also reset. Fourteen cemeteries have been "adopted" for ongoing maintenance by residents. There are many more cemeteries in Sebago in need of care. Please consider "adoption" of one or more. A big thank you also goes out to the Lions Club for providing the cookout which made a great end to our work day. Volunteers left the Town Hall with a sense of community spirit and a job well done!

Committee Members: June Allen, Ted Greene, Ann Farley



ASK THE TAX COLLECTOR

Dear T.C.: What happens if I bounce a check?

Dear Tax Payer: Bouncing a check or "negotiating a worthless instrument" is a crime. Here in Sebago, checks are scanned and deposited the same day they are received, therefore, resubmitting the check is not permitted. Attempts are made to contact the individual by phone or mail to request a new check, and a \$20.00 return check fee. If the check was for a motor vehicle transaction, and the check was not corrected within 10 days, a notice will be sent to the State which might result in revocation. If the check was for a tax payment and not corrected within 10 days, additional interest, tax lien or foreclosure may result depending on the situation when the initial payment was made.

Michele Bukoveckas, Tax Collector



FROM THE DOGHOUSE

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

As temperatures warm, its important to be conscious of heat-related dangers for your pet. Even on a cloudy day with windows cracked, the temperature inside a car can reach 120 degrees or higher within minutes. In such extreme temperatures, dogs (and cats) are unable to cool themselves. Once their body temperature reaches 107 degrees, risks of brain damage and heatstroke become severe. Normal

temp is 100 to 102.5 degrees.

NOTE: Dogs don't have sweat glands, so they dispel heat only by panting and through the pads of their feet. If you notice signs of heatstroke, which include heavy panting, glazed eyes or a lack of coordination, you should begin administration of first aid immediately.

Move you pet to a cool, shady area. Slowly wet your dog with tepid water. Do not apply ice. Do not submerge your pet in cold water. Fan rapidly to increase evaporation. Let your dog

drink some cool water. Seek further treatment from a veterinarian. If you are unable to provide a cool environment for your dog or cat while you're traveling in your car, they will probably be more comfortable at home. Maine has tough laws to ensure the health and safety of your pets, don't put yourself or your pet in danger. Taking a Pet First Aid/CPR class could save your pets life. Please contact me if you need information on classes in your area.



Free Labor to Make Your Shorefront Property More Lake Friendly

By Kirsten Ness,
Water Resources Specialist
Portland Water District

Help protect Sebago Lake by making your property more lake friendly. The Casco Bay Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) will be working around Sebago Lake this summer. The YCC provides **free labor** for



projects to help reduce erosion on shorefront properties. Examples of projects include: vegetated shoreline buffers, infiltration steps, roof dripline trenches, erosion control mulch, and many more. Projects are limited to those that can be completed using hand tools.

For more information about the YCC, please contact Betty Williams at the

Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District. She can be reached at betty-williams@cumberlandswcd.org or 207-892-4700.

For other Sebago Lake related questions, please contact me at the Portland Water District. I can be reached at kness@pwd.org or 207-774-5961 ext. 3336.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT EVENTS



YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Soccer Registration: was held on May 27, 2010 - If you missed this registration, please contact Corinne Davis before July 31st in order for your child to play soccer.

Summer Swim Lessons: Bridgton Recreation is joining Sebago Recreation to offer this program. Lessons are held in Bridgton Woods Pond and Highland Lake. Sebago residents pay the resident rate of \$10 per child or \$30 per family per session. The second session begins July 21, 2010. Registration forms are available at Sebago Town Office and Bridgton Town Office.

Whales Tale Water Park in Lincoln, NH: August 17, 2010 - The fee will be \$35 for the day. Must be seven years of age to attend. We will pick up at the Sebago Town Hall at 9am and return by 6pm. Contact Corinne Davis for more information.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES:

Hollywood Slots Trip: July 20, 2010 - The fee for this trip is \$25 per person which includes a free buffet lunch. Must be 21 years of age to attend. We will leave the Sebago Town Hall at 8am and return by 8pm. Register at the Town Office.

Free Senior B-B-Q Luncheon: August 10, 2010 - Veteran's Park at 11:30am. Contact Lin Greene for more information.



Contact information: Corinne Davis at 595-8173 (Cell phone), Lin Greene at 787-2457 (Town Office)

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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.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETINGS

(Tuesdays at 6pm)

July 6th & 20th
August 3rd & 17th
September 7th & 21st



PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

(Tuesdays at 7pm)

July 13th
August 10th
September 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.)

DOUGLAS MOUNTAIN REPAIRS COMMITTEE



A committee is being formed to address the repair needs of the Douglas Mountain Nature Conservatory. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Town Manager, Jim Smith at the Town Office at 787-2457.



HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

July 10, 2010 (Saturday)
Transfer Station - 9am to 2pm

SEBAGO DAYS EVENT

July 16, 2010
(Friday)
July 17, 2010
(Saturday)



RECREATION DEPARTMENT EVENTS

Check out the bottom of Page 3 for the upcoming fun events we have in store for you like Soccer, Swimming Lessons, day trips to Whales Tale Water Park and Hollywood Slots. There is also a free Senior B-B-Q Luncheon.

