



# SEBAGO HAPPENINGS



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## LET'S GO PLAY AT THE BEACH!

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By the Board of Selectmen



Now that winter is just a chilly memory, it is time to get outside and have some

fun in the sun. The Sebago Town Beach is a great place for families to enjoy summer activities. For those of you that aren't aware of it, our Town Beach is located at the very end of Marina Road (located off of Shore Road which is across from the Four Seasons Variety Store).

There is a buoyed swimming area that promotes safety for kids. Even though the beach area is kept clean by a part-time beach attendant we ask that you be courteous and dispose of your trash properly. The boat launch area is busy from May through October and both the beach and boat ramp are free to residents, taxpayers, and seasonal guests. However, guests must be accompanied by the resident or taxpayer that they are visiting. This privilege only requires an annual or seasonal town use pass which is available at the Town Office. Seasonal renters may obtain their own pass. Any vehicles found at the beach area without this pass are subject to being towed at the owner's expense.

There are rules and regulations in place for the use of the beach and the boat launch to make the area safe and well maintained. We ask that you adhere to these rules so that everyone may enjoy their fun at the beach and in the water. Here is an overview of those rules:



No motor vehicles or motorcycles are allowed on the beach. Everyone is responsible for carrying out their trash, and no glass containers are allowed on the beach.

No fires are allowed, as well as no smoking. No camping shall be allowed on the beach or at the beach parking areas. No animals are allowed on the beach with the exception of service animals. No alcoholic or controlled substances shall be allowed on the beach. There is no loitering on the beach, the boat launch area, and the parking areas from 10:00 pm until 5:00 am.

Anyone launching and recovering boats should do so as quickly as possible to maintain safety and to allow others to use the facility. As soon as boats are launched, vehicles and trailers should be moved to the upper parking lot.

No parking on either side of Marina Road ensures safety for foot traffic and especially for kids. Everyone have a great summer and we'll see you at the beach!!

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## HAVE SOME FUN AT SEBAGO DAYS!

**FRIDAY, JULY 21st**

Talent Show  
Tricky Britches



**SATURDAY, JULY 22nd**  
Fun Run, Parades, White Mountain Boys  
FIREWORKS!



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## HOURS OF OPERATION

### Town Office

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

### Transfer Station

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

### General Assistance

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



# CLERK'S CORNER



By Michele Bukoveckas, Town Clerk

Now that boating season is upon us, I thought I'd remind everyone that **all motorized watercraft on inland waters must display the lake and river protection sticker ("Preserve Maine Waters" sticker)**. The lake and river protection sticker is also referred to as a "Milfoil" sticker.



"Motorized watercraft" includes any boat with any type of motor, including canoes with electric motors and personal watercraft. A sticker is **not required** to operate a watercraft in tidal waters.

A new lake and river protection sticker

must be purchased **every year** and is required to be permanently affixed to each side of the bow of all motorized watercraft when operating on inland waters. If you register your boat in Maine, the stickers are included as part of the Maine watercraft registration. Owners of non-Maine registered boats will continue to be required to purchase and affix a separate non-resident sticker.



## Display of Registration Number & Stickers

1. The registration number and validation stickers must be legibly displayed



Have a fun and safe boating season!

2. The number must read from left to right, be not less than 3 inches high, and be vertical block character capital letters and Arabic numerals.
3. The registration number should be displayed on both sides of the bow.

# ASK THE TAX COLLECTOR

By Michele Bukoveckas, Tax Collector

Dear T.C.: I forgot to pay my taxes by June 30th. What happens now?



Dear Tax Payer: Any taxes not collected by the end of the fiscal year (June 30th) will be listed in next year's Annual Report. In addition, if taxes continue to be unpaid by August, a 30-day Notice of Lien will be sent to the owner of record as of April 1st of the previous year. If after 30-days, the tax remains unpaid; a lien

will be placed against the property which will then foreclose 18 months from the lien filing date (interest continues to accrue). If you have sold your property, it is imperative that you forward the information to the new owner to avoid a lien in your name. In addition, if you purchased the property after April 1st, you should contact the Town Office for a copy of the bill. If you are not sure if you currently owe taxes, please contact the Town Office at (207) 787-2457.



# NATIVE PLANT SPOTLIGHT

By Kirsten Ness, Water Resource Specialist  
Portland Water District

Native plants are a great addition to your yard and they help stabilize soils around water bodies. From time to time we will "spotlight" a different native plant so that you may become familiar with the many native species that this area has to offer. If you want to expand your knowledge sooner than what we will be offering, please visit the Portland Water District Sebago Lake Ecology Center to see examples of this and other native plants!

## JOE PYE WEED (Eupatorium maculatum)

Size: Grows 4 to 5 feet high with a spread of 1.5 to 2 feet.



Foliage: Sharply toothed green leaves occur in whorls. Flowers are small, pink in color, and form a large cluster. Flowers bloom mid summer to early fall.

Soil Conditions: Favors moist to wet soils.

Light: Prefers full sun.

Notes: The flowers are very attractive to butterflies. The roots are fibrous and make this an excellent plant for erosion control.

Zones: 4-8



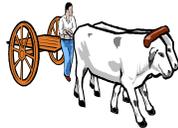


# FROM THE DOGHOUSE

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

Dear friends, summer is upon us once again. As we all know, the warm weather brings a lot of folks and their animals to our area. This may include horses being ridden along the side of our winding and narrow roads. Since a horse can appear suddenly, please be prepared to take appropriate actions. You could be at fault if you don't, so don't be caught unaware. Here is what the law states regarding animals on a public way.

**Riding animals or driving animal-drawn vehicles.** A person riding an animal or driving an animal-drawn vehicle on a public way has the



rights and is subject to the duties of a vehicle operator, except those provisions that by their nature have no application.

**Unattended animal-drawn vehicle.** A person may not allow an animal-drawn vehicle to be on a public way unattended unless the vehicle is reasonably fastened.

**Frightened animals.** When a person riding, driving or leading an animal that appears to be frightened signals by putting up a hand or by other visible sign, an operator approaching from the opposite direction must stop as soon as possible and remain stationary as long as necessary and reasonable to allow the animal to pass.



**Passing animals.** When traveling in the same direction as an animal on a way, an operator must use reasonable caution in passing the animal.



**Annoyance.** An operator may not knowingly operate a motor vehicle in a manner to annoy, startle, harass or frighten an animal being ridden or driven on or near a public way.

**Throwing object.** An operator or person in a motor vehicle may not throw an object or substance from the vehicle toward an animal being ridden or driven on or near a public way.

Have a great summer, and please remember to be not only cautious of, but also courteous to our four legged friends.



## 2012 KIDS FREE SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM!

Last year's program was so successful that once again free "bag style" lunches will be provided to any child (including non-residents) under the age of 18 years old. This program started on June 25th and will continue during the weekdays between the hours of 12:00 pm (Noon) and 1:00 pm until school restarts.



Lunches will be served at the Veteran's Park. In case of bad weather, they will be served inside at the Elementary School cafeteria. There is no cost to kids (or the town) for this federally funded program. This is a joint activity of the Sebago Recreation Department and the Warming Hut. Adult volunteer supervisors are always needed. If your interested in helping out, please contact Jim Libby at 274-1569.



## WHO DO I CALL IF A STREET LIGHT IS OUT?

By the Board of Selectmen

Recently it has been brought to our attention by concerned citizens that several street lights are out in our town. Please take note that if you notice a street light out, you should notify the Central Maine Power Company of the situation. It is their responsibility to make sure the light is replaced. Please contact them at 1-800-750-4000 to report the non-emergency outage. If for some reason you are unable to contact them directly, please call the Town Office at 787-2457 so that we can contact them for you. Let's all work together to keep our community lit and safe.



## CEMETERY CLEAN-UP A GREAT SUCCESS!

By the Cemetery Committee



We wanted to say thank you to those of you who turned out for the cemetery cleanup day on May 20th. A great effort was put into the restoration of the Wentworth Cemetery on Robinson Hill Rd. Stones were uncovered and the granite post fence restored. Murch-Hill Yard on Route 114 was also cleared of brush, trees and raked. We appreciate all of you who have adopted cemeteries and thank you for your ongoing work in the care of these historic yards.



## TOWN OF SEBAGO, MAINE

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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 6:00 p.m.)

July 3 & 17  
August 7 & 21  
September 4 & 18



### PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

(Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.)



July 10  
August 14  
September 11

### SCHOOL BOARD POSITION AVAILABLE



If you are interested in filling the 3-year School Board position currently held by Richard Merritt, please contact Town Manager, Jim Smith at 615-2456 or at the Town Office at 787-2457.

### COMEDIAN GEORGE HAMM

**When:** July 6, 2012 (Fri.) - 7:00pm.

**Where:** Sebago Town Hall

**Cost:** Tickets are \$10.00

(Available at the Sebago Town Office.)

**Proceeds to benefit the town's**

**Fuel Assistance Program.**



### SEBAGO DAYS EVENT

July 20, 2012 (Friday)  
July 21, 2012 (Saturday)

### SPECIAL DINNERS AND FUND RAISERS

Are you looking for some inexpensive fun while helping out a worthy cause? Check out the "Calendar of Events" section of our website at [www.townofsebago.org](http://www.townofsebago.org) for special dinners and fund raising events.

There's always something fun and worthwhile going on here in Sebago.



### RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

#### SOCCER REGISTRATION



Registration deadline is July 31, 2012

#### WHALES TALE WATER PARK

**When:** August 1, 2012 (Wed.)

**Pick up:** 9:00am. (Sebago Town Hall)

**Return:** 6:00pm.

**Cost:** \$25.00 for the day



#### SUMMER SWIM LESSONS

**2nd session begins July 23, 2012.**

Registration forms are available at the Sebago Town Office.



For more information on Recreation Department activities contact Corinne Davis at 595-8173 or at [Corinnecdavis@yahoo.com](mailto:Corinnecdavis@yahoo.com).

