



SEBAGO HAPPENINGS



Town of Sebago, Maine

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THE IMPORTANCE OF E-911

By Maureen F. Scanlon,
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We've all been trained to dial 911 on our phones in an emergency situation when police, fire or medical services are needed right away in order to save a life, report a fire or stop a crime. However, not many people realize the behind the scene efforts that are made to ensure that you receive the help you need as quickly as possible.

The former 911 system has been enhanced to immediately identify the 911 caller's address and allows the public safety call takers to quickly send emergency services to the scene. Many times during a crisis, a 911 caller is unable to provide this critical information. Enhanced 911's location feature helps minimize delays in emergency response that could endanger a person's life or property.

This system has proven to be beneficial in literally saving people's lives because they have received emergency medical care quicker than in past years. We have found that the problem with this

system is not in getting the address when the 911 call is placed, the problem is that some people still have not identified their building with the address clearly displayed. We need your help in making sure the first responders get to you as quickly as possible. If you have not already identified your building/house with the address clearly visible, here is what we need you to do in order to help us help you.

Identifying your building/house - It is very important that you place your street number on your house or building in a location visible from the street or driveway. The height of each number in your address should be a minimum of 4 inches. The color of the numbers should contrast with the color of the building.

In addition, if your house or building is located further than 75 feet back from the road or otherwise not visible from the road, your street number (made of reflective materials, minimum height of 4 inches) is required to be placed at the beginning of your driveway. (Acceptable methods for display include

the use of your mailbox, placement of a plaque on a post, etc.).

Placing an E-911 call - When you dial 911 be prepared to give your address (including the town) and the phone number where you are located. This is important to remember because if you have a "land line" the newer system will know your address, however it is not able to provide an address to the dispatcher if your call is being placed from a cell phone. If it is dark out, have a light on so that the emergency responders can see the numbers, or flash the outside lights on/off if it is a dark road. Another option is to have someone wave down the emergency responders with a flashlight and guide them to the location. Please put animals in another room, clear a pathway, and have medical information readily accessible.

If you are not sure what your actual physical address is for your property, please contact E-911 Addressing Officer, Brandon Woolley at the Town Office at 787-2457. We will work together to get this information to you. Our goal to keep you safe so you can focus on enjoying life.

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Hours of Operation

Town Office

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

Transfer Station

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

General Assistance

- Thursdays
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm



“FROM THE DOGHOUSE”



By Maureen F. Scanlon, Editor

Now that the hustle and bustle of the holidays is over it's time to think about a few things that pertain to our four legged family members.



2013 DOG LICENSES: The 2013 Dog Licenses are currently available. The fee for neutered/spayed dogs is \$6.00, unaltered animals are \$11.00. **All dogs six months or older must be licensed by the end of the calendar year. Don't forget to renew your dog's license before February 1st or you will also be charged a late fee of \$25.00 (per dog).** To license a dog, a current **State of Maine Rabies Certificate** must be presented. When you license your dog you will receive an I.D. tag to

attach to their collar. It is important that you remember to do this because this tag allows Bobby Silcott, our Animal Control Officer, to locate you if your dog is found running loose or in an emergency situation such as being hit by a vehicle. If the ACO is unable to locate you, your dog will be taken to the Harvest Hills Animal Shelter. In order to retrieve your dog, you will be required to pay a \$50.00 Impound Fee at the Sebago Town Office before your dog will be released to you from the shelter where you could possibly be charged an additional daily fee. You can re-register your dog on-line at www.townofsebago.org and your dog's new I.D. tag will be mailed to your home.



RABIES CLINIC: If your pet is in need of an updated rabies vaccination, the Town of Sebago is holding it's annual **Rabies Clinic on Sat., January 5** at the Town Hall Building from 10:00am till Noon. Shots cost \$10.00 each. If you would like your pet to receive a three-year shot, you must bring the most recent rabies certificate other-



wise a one-year shot will be administered. **Dogs must be on a "non-retractable" leash and cats must be in a carrier.** For your convenience, Bobby Silcott will be available to register your dog at the Rabies Clinic after he or she receives a rabies vaccination.



CLERK'S CORNER



By Michele Bukoveckas, Town Clerk

VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS: Please remember that you must provide a "current" insurance card when you register your vehicle at the Town Office. Unfortunately, we have had several residents come in with an expired card and ask us to contact their insurance company for a new card. As much as we strive to assist our clients in making their transactions as smooth as possible, **we are not allowed to contact your insurance company for you.** However, you may use your cell phone and have it faxed to our office at fax number 787-2760. There will be a \$2.00 charge for the incoming fax added to your total cost.



2013 HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES AND SNOWMOBILE & BOAT REGISTRATIONS: Just a reminder that it is that time of year for the 2013 Hunting and Fishing Licenses, Snowmobile and Boat Registrations. **PLEASE BRING IN THE PRIOR YEAR INFORMATION FOR SNOWMOBILE OR BOAT RENEWALS. We will not be able to process them without this information being provided per the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's instructions.** If you can not find the extra "renewal copy" that we printed out for you last year at the Town Office, please **write down the registration number** that is on the snowmobile or boat **prior to coming in** to renew the registration. Remember, Hunting, Fishing, ATVs, Snowmobiles and Boat re-registrations are also available on line.



"SEBAGO HAPPENINGS" NEWSLETTER: The "Sebago Happenings" newsletters are only mailed locally to Sebago addresses, however it is available on-line so you can keep in touch with what is going on in Sebago year round. You can subscribe to the service and get a "ping" in your email when the new issue arrives. Just go to www.townofsebago.org and click on "subscribe to news" on the left side. You will be directed to a page where you enter in your email address.



GENERAL ASSISTANCE: The General Assistance Administrator sees clients at the Sebago Town Office on Thursdays from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. If you need assistance, please be prepared to provide information on your income and expenses for the most recent thirty-day period.





ASK THE TAX COLLECTOR



By Michele Bukoveckas, Tax Collector

Dear T.C.: What can you tell me about Excise Tax?



Basically, excise tax is an annual tax that is paid prior to registration of a vehicle. The tax is based on the Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) on a decreasing mil rate that "bottoms" out on the 6th year (.0240, .0175, .0135, .0100, .0065 and .0040). The MSRP is used to ensure the fairest tax assessment for all. The municipality generally uses the money collected from excise towards local road maintenance, construction and repairs.

During the registration period, should the owner get a different vehicle whether it be

due to fire, theft, accident, or just decided to get a new vehicle, a credit can be transferred to the new vehicle (for the remaining time). There are no cash refunds. **It is**

important to note that in order to receive the credit for the transfer you must no longer have the previous vehicle in your possession. Once we transfer the registration and credit, the

previous vehicle no longer exists in the sense that it can no longer be registered in the previous name. This vehicle would have to be done as a new registration with all applicable fees. In addition, a new expiration date will be assigned to the vehicle.

In a transfer scenario, the customer pays the difference between the excise of the

new vehicle and the old. A \$3.00 transfer charge is then applied. Sometimes the excise due on the new vehicle is less than the credit. In this case, the customer pays the \$3.00 transfer fee; the remainder of the excise balance is "lost".

The same registrant on a vehicle being used as a credit in a transfer must appear on the new registration. Name additions and deletions are allowed at the registration time with the proper forms.

When a transfer or re-registration occurs within 4 months of expiration, the registrant will pay 1/2 rate for the excise and the registration fees.

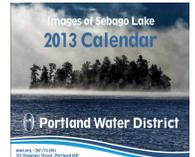


IMAGES OF SEBAGO LAKE CALENDAR 2013!



Submitted by Kirsten Ness, Water Resources Specialist, Portland Water District

The 2013 Images of Sebago Lake calendar will be available in early January 2013. Please visit the Sebago Lake Ecology Center (at the intersection of Routes 35 and 237 in Standish) to pick up your copy. Supplies are limited so swing by in early January! The calendar is in its eighth year and features beautiful photographs of Sebago Lake taken by local residents and visitors. Please note: due to limited supplies we can only provide one copy per person. For more information about the Sebago Lake Ecology Center, please visit <http://www.pwd.org/communityinvolvement/ecology.php>.



RECREATION DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES



By Maureen F. Scanlon, Editor



Now that according to the calendar winter has officially arrived, it's time to think about cold weather activities here in Sebago. Some of you may enjoy ice fishing, downhill or cross country skiing and snowmobiling, but there also other fun things to do in Sebago such as ice skating and snowshoeing.



If you enjoy ice skating but are uncomfortable skating on a frozen lake perhaps you'd enjoy yourself on the skating rink we've got set up for your pleasure. It is located by the baseball field just behind the Sebago



Elementary School. It's a great way for the whole family to have fun without worrying if the ice is thick enough. You might want to bring a thermos of cocoa to keep you warm because you may not want to leave to soon if everyone is having a wonderful time. The ice rink opens in late December (when the ice freezes) and is open to the public during January and February.



If ice skating is not your cup of tea, perhaps you might like snowshoeing. If you are at least 18 years old and enjoy the outdoors, this activity is designed for you. This is something that can be enjoyed on your own or with a friend or two. Snowshoes are



available, free of charge, by contacting Corinne Davis at 595-8173 or at Corinnecdavis@yahoo.com if you'd like to use a pair or two.

If none of these activities are of any interest to you, there is always the fine art of building a snowman or snow family. It's not only fun, but people can enjoy them as they drive by your work of art.



The important thing is to get up off the couch and enjoy some winter sunshine, even if you're all bundled up in warm clothes.



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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.

CARRIER ROUTE
PRESORT POSTAL PATRON
ECRWSS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETINGS

(Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.)



January 15
February 5
March 5

(Dates are subject to change.)

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

(Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.)

January 8
February 12
March 12



RECREATION DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

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in Sebago.

RABIES CLINIC



Saturday, January 5 at the Town
Hall Building from
10:00am till Noon. Shots cost
\$10.00 each. Please bring the
most recent rabies certificate to
received a 3 year shot, otherwise a
1 year shot will be administered.

**Dogs must be on a "non-retractable" leash
and cats must be in a carrier.**



BOARD & COMMITTEE VACANCIES



The following Boards and
Committees each have a vacant
position available;

School Board
Planning Board
Capital Improvement Program Committee
Budget Committee

If you'd like to participate in your local town government by joining a Board or Committee, please contact the Town Office at 787-2457.

WINTER SALT/SAND AVAILABLE FOR SEBAGO RESIDENTS

Sebago residents and taxpayers may obtain salt/sand from the designated area in the lean-to building 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.



Winter

