



TOWN OF BRIDGTON
DEPUTY TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
August 27, 2019



Bridgton Fire Department

On August 19th the fire department responded to three separate serious calls concerning **lightning strikes to family dwellings**. We expected to be on guard as the weather services predicted possible serious storms, however, we did not expect the report of three possible structure fires within 8 minutes as a result of lightning strikes in three outlying areas of town; 1658 hours Del Chadbourne Road, North Bridgton; 1700 hours Kansas Road, Bridgton and 1706 hours Pondicherry Road, West Bridgton. We responded to these calls as well as a call for mutual aid assistance. As serious as each call was, thankfully no major fires or injuries occurred.

The Department has assisted **United Ambulance** with various recent serious calls. **Fire Department Chaplin, Pastor Mike Zullo**; has aided members whom have responded to the various emergencies. We have completed the annual hose testing, and breathing apparatus flow testing, apparatus pump testing and ladder testing will be completed in the next few months.



Bridgton Police Department

Matt Regis, new hire, is in his fifth week at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro. He is expected to graduate on December 6th. The Bridgton Police Department has completed interviews for Officer Brandan George's replacement. We are conducting background checks and should have a final candidate within the next few weeks.

General



Testing of the beaches was concluded last week with the last test being conducted on Wednesday, August 21st. The maximum limit is 235cfu. We are happy to report the following averages: Highland Lake 35; Salmon Point Campground 17; Woods Pond 9; Salmon Point 19 and Plummers Landing 83.

The **downstairs cubicle space** accommodating Tom Harriman, Fire Chief; Todd Perreault, Emergency Management and David Madsen, Wastewater Superintendent is being renovated to accommodate an Emergency Operations Center and a larger office space for David. Currently David's office is temporarily located upstairs.

We are in the process of making arrangements for the **mandatory employee training** regarding sexual harassment as well as various state and local policies on Thursday, September 26th. New this year will be an *active shooter training* which will be held on a different day.

We are in the process of working with BlackFly Media to plan a **groundbreaking ceremony** for the three big projects. The tentative date has since changed due to coordinating with dignitaries for their attendance. Once we can pin down a date we will begin publishing the date, time and location...so stay tuned for more information on this very special event in the history of Bridgton.

Deadline for **voters to submit petitions** for placement on the referendum ballot and/or article on the ATM Warrant is Friday, September 6th.



The **Bridgton Community Center** has a new and improved website with comprehensive information on programs/services, assistance programs as well as a new and expanded calendar. Please take time to check it out at

<https://www.bridgtoncommunitycenter.org>



Bridgton Recreation

Beginning Friday August 30, 2019 from 5-9PM there will be **open gym** at the Bridgton Town Hall. There will be a fall foliage tour on October 9th to Wolfeboro Inn sponsored by the Bridgton Recreation Department; the Casco Recreation Department and the Naples Recreation Department. Cost is \$40 for residents and \$55 for non-residents. For additional information please contact the Bridgton Recreation Department at 647-1126. or register online at www.bridgtonmaine.org or with your Town.



School begins tomorrow, Wednesday, August 28th. So please be aware of buses and children walking a biking to school.



Respectfully submitted,

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