

Manager's Report 12/14/21

General

A reminder that masks are no longer required at the Town Office, Town Hall and Transfer Station for vaccinated individuals. Unvaccinated individuals are asked to wear a mask.

An important reminder that with winter weather upon us, it is important to keep your driveways and private roads cleared and sanded so that, if the need arises, emergency personnel can safely access your property.

Regarding weather events, please be aware that we post information on the Town's Facebook page and the Town's website. Additionally, all the local television channels are notified when the Town Office closes.

Town Office Closing Early at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, December 17th, 2021, for our Annual Staff Holiday Party.

Justin McIver wanted to let the Board and the town know the exciting news that he will be taking down the two buildings on the corner at the Gateway site this Thursday morning at 8:30 am. He will have LRTV and the Bridgton News there to document the event as well as the new owner of the Bridgton Brew Pub, Justin O'Connor. He would like to extend the invitation to the Select Board, staff, and department heads to join him for this long-awaited event.

Community Development Department

A reminder that the 2022-2023 CDBG program year applications for non-profit service entities are available on the Town's website and are due January 11. An informational applicant workshop will be hosted by the Community Development Advisory Committee on December 15th at 9 AM at the Town Office downstairs meeting room. We encourage anyone interested in applying for a grant attend this meeting. For information reach out to Deputy Community Development Director Tory Hill at VHill@BridgtonMaine.org or by phone to 207-803-9960.

Public Services Department

The traffic light at the intersection of Willett Road and Portland Road has been updated to being camera controlled instead of buried sensors in the road. Feedback has been positive.

Recreation Department

I am happy to report the Festival of Lights was a successful event for the Town of Bridgton.

The parade had around 25 floats, including PWD, Rec, Police, and Fire Departments. The tree lighting was successful and had a full crowd on hand.

The craft fair was busy all day. The Recreation Department raised \$822.00 to be used for Summer Rec Program. The money collected was from rental fees from vendors and raffle. \$560 from the vendors and \$262 from the raffle.

Between Halloween and Festival of Lights the Recreation Department has now fundraised \$3,081 for summer and before and after school scholarships.

Police Department

Cynthia Eaton has come on board as our new ACO. She is currently certified as an Animal Control Officer and serves neighboring Oxford County Towns in the same compacity.

Officer Chaine has embarked on the Wreath's Across America convoy escort. He and many other Maine Officers will escort the convoy to Arlington National Cemetery for various wreath laying ceremonies. They will also stop at selected locations along the route for local ceremonies honoring our soldiers and their families. We are proud to have Officer Chaine represent the PD as a leader in this event.

In response to recent events, BPD is planning to host a self-defense workshop in partnership with BKD Karate Dojo. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

This Friday, Officer Ryan McCloud will graduate from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. Ryan has worked very hard in achieving this goal and has been ranked in the top 10 of his graduating class.

Health Officer

There is a COVID-19 Moderna/Johnson & Johnson Booster Clinic being held at the Community Center, December 23rd from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Community Pharmacies is holding the clinic.

Maine CDC is recommending masking in public whether vaccinated or not.

Sand for Seniors has helped 20 seniors to date. The Police Department has been making the deliveries.