

Manager's Report 12/12/23

General Information

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.

Save the date for the Maine Lakes Winter Carnival. It will be held Saturday, February 17th at Highland Lake Beach,

On December 14th, the Municipal Complex will close at 3:30pm and the Transfer Station and Public Works will close at 4:00pm for the Annual Employee Holiday Party.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office

A reminder that quarterly real estate taxes are due February 15, and May 15.

It is time to renew your dog licenses for 2024. Please bring the current rabies certificate with you. You can also obtain your dog's registration online via the State of Maine dog licensing service until January 31, 2024. Kindly be advised that a late fee of \$25 per dog will be imposed after January 31, 2024, per State Law.

Community Development Department

Please check out our page on the Town of Bridgton website to learn more about our Comprehensive Plan Update – there are multiple ways for you to share your thoughts with us online. Also, be on the lookout for our Vision Bridgton logo around town, in the newspaper, and in your mailbox. The Town is hoping to engage as many people in this important planning process as possible. For more information visit our new comprehensive plan project website, accessible through the Town of Bridgton Website, bridgtonmaine.org, or email the Community Development Director, Victoria Hill, at vhill@bridgtonmaine.org.

Police Department

Ofc. Hammond is graduating next week from the Police Training Academy; we are excited to celebrate his accomplishments and welcome him back.

BPD is still advertising for two open full time patrol positions. Applications can be directed to Chief Jones at pjones@bridgtonmaine.org.

Fire Department

The Bridgton Center Village Firemen's Association are selling Maine grown Christmas Trees at the Food City Parking lot. The hours are 2pm-5pm Thursday-Friday and 10am-4pm Saturdays and Sundays.

Recreation

Adult programs such as Jumping Janes Senior Fitness, Tai Chi, Pickleball, Archery, Walking, Ping Pong, and Karate take place weekly at the Bridgton Town Hall. Please note, the Magic of Christmas adult trip is full for this Friday. Also, the Gardens Aglow adult trip was full on Sunday.

The Festival of Lights float winners are for Best Non-Commercial: Easy Riders Snowmobile Club; Best Commercial: Mains Excavation; Most Festive: Aimes Family; Judges' Choice: Campfire Grille; and Honorable Mention: NFI North.

The Winter Wonderland of Trees at the ice rink is open from 10am to 6pm until Christmas Day. It is free, but donations are accepted and help support scholarships for after school enrichment programs.

This Friday, December 15th from 6pm to 10pm is the annual Parents Night Out for ages kindergarten to 6th grade kids. There will be games, dinner, a movie, and crafts all at the Bridgton Town Hall. The cost is \$25, and registration is online at www.bridgtonmaine.org.

Youth basketball has just over 100 participants for the first time in 10 years.