

Dexter Municipal Newsletter - Fall 2007
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Toys For Tots

We will be doing the Toys for Tots program again this year. Sign up applications will be available at the town office or the General Assistance office by November 26th. They will need to be returned no later than December 19th. Any donations of new toys or used ones in good condition or money would be greatly appreciated. Without this program there would be a lot of children that might not have a Christmas. If you have any questions please contact me at 924-7351 dexterga@adelphia.net . **Linda Clukey**.

Town Hall

One half of the roof has been replaced and we will budget for the other half in the next fiscal year. Activities are beginning for the winter season. ROLLER SKATING has begun. Join the fun every Saturday 2:00-4:00 p.m. The cost is \$1.00 to skate and \$1.00 to rent skates. The snack shack will be open too!

E 911 Addresses

The addressing of Fire Lanes around the Lakes is complete. I would like to thank everyone who worked on this huge project and thank you, the residents, for your cooperation through it all!

The new names all LANES:

Fire Lane 1	Allagash	Fire Lane 21	Katahdin
Fire Lane 1	Andover	Fire Lane 22	Valentine
Fire Lane 1L	Alps	Fire Lane 23	Lily Bay
Fire Lane 3	Baxter	Fire Lane 24	Willow
Fire Lane 3	Borestone	Fire Lane 28	Whiskey
Fire Lane 5	Cutler	Fire Lane 30	Windsor
Fire Lane 6	Rustic	Fire Lane 31	Michelle
Fire Lane 7	Day	Fire Lane 33	Memory
Fire Lane 8	Rainbow	Fire Lane 35	Moxie
Fire Lane 9	Enchanted	Fire Lane 37	Old Speck
Fire Lane 10	Strout	Fire Lane 60	Elk
Fire Lane 11	Firefly	Fire Lane 60	Bear
Fire Lane 13	Grandview	Fire Lane 82	Snow Goose
Fire Lane 14	Sugar Loaf	Fire Lane 82	Swan
Fire Lane 15	Gunner	Fire Lane 82	Sparrow
New Lane	Horizon	Fire Lane 83	Blue Heron
Fire Lane 16	Tempesta	Fire Lane 83	Cardinal
Fire Lane 17	Ireland	Fire Lane 83	Chickadee
Fire Lane 18	Thunder	Fire Lane 83	Black Duck
Fire Lane 19	Jakes	Fire Lane 90	Red Head
Fire Lane 20	Traveler		

Maps will be printed and signs posted in the coming weeks. Letters were mailed with tax bills indicating the new physical address for your property. If you believe there is a problem with your new address, please call me. **Judy Doore**

Abbott Memorial Library

The Library is hosting a Young Adult Book Discussion Club. The club is open to all area youth between the ages of 13 and 15 enrolled in school or home schooled beginning October 10th. Members will meet once a month at Dexter Regional High School. Our plan is to provide a fun, friendly atmosphere for youth to express and share their opinions and ideas. Refreshments will be provided. Students in grades 8th, 9th, and 10th may sign up with their English teachers or call the library to sign up. On alternate Thursdays, Michelle Dyer-Fagan, assistant librarian,

travels to the Dexter Head Start program and presents a story time for the children enrolled in their program.

The library is participating in the new PBS Kids reading program. Funded by public, broadcasting, this program ties into their educational television program and website which features animated children's books as well as word games and crafts. The library charts the reading progress of each child enrolled and rewards them with stickers and bookmarks. If you have questions, please contact me at 924-7292 or liz@abbott-library.com.

Winter Road Rules

Our goal for winter road maintenance is to provide the safest road conditions possible under prevailing conditions, and we attempt to have the roads and streets cleared to accommodate peak traffic periods. During the winter months, and especially during snowstorms, there is a **parking ban on Town streets and roads between the hours of 1 AM and 6 AM.** Persons who violate the ban will be subject to a fine of \$15.00 for each offense as well as having their vehicle towed. Residents are also reminded that when plowing or shoveling drives or walkways it's illegal to deposit snow and slush on any public way. This includes roads, intersections, parking lots, and side-walks. The accidental destruction of mailboxes often becomes a very sensitive subject as the winter season progresses. Mailboxes installed in the right-of-way are placed there at the owner's risk, and the Town is not obliged to repair damaged posts or boxes. However, if your post is knocked down by a plow you should report the incident to the Town Office. We have temporary posts that can be used to get you through the winter and insure your mail service is uninterrupted. You can help reduce the possibility of having a mailbox damaged by clearing away snow banks around the box and post so it's fully visible to our plow truck drivers.

Municipal Services Directory
Dial 9-1-1 for Emergency Service

<i>Town Office and Town Clerk</i>	924-7351
<i>Town Manager: Judith A. Doore</i>	ext. 13
<i>Human Services: Linda Clukey</i>	ext 17
<i>Tax Collector: Marilyn Curtis</i>	ext 15
<i>Assessor: David Pearson</i>	924-3241
<i>Code Enforcement/LPI :Jana Wood</i>	924-7620
<i>Recreation Director: Andy Conway</i>	924-3438
<i>Police: <u>Non-Emergency</u> Chief Arthur Roy</i>	924-7622
<i>Fire <u>Non-Emergency</u>: Chief Jim Gudroe</i>	924-7301
<i>Abbott Memorial Library: Liz Breault</i>	924-7292
<i>Animal Control Officer: Kathie Ricker</i>	270-0633
<i>Public Works Director: Mike Delaware</i>	924-6257
<i>Mayo Ambulance <u>Non-Emergency</u></i>	924-6212
<i>Utility District Operator: Randy Webber</i>	924-7367
<i>Superintendent of Schools: Kevin Jordan</i>	924-5262
<i>Transfer Station Manager: Trampas King</i>	924-3650
<i>Municipal Golf Course Mgr: Jim Costedio</i>	924-6477

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November 6th Election

REMEMBER TO VOTE: Tuesday, November 6, 2007 at the Town Hall on Hall Street. The polls will be open from 9:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. Absentee ballots are now available at the town office. To request a ballot a voter may call the office to have a ballot mailed, fill out an application to hand carry the ballot, or vote in person at the town office between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday - Friday. The Registrar of Voters will be accepting registrations Monday - Friday from 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. All residents of Dexter, 18 years of age or older, may register to vote. Voters will be asked to choose by ballot, the following:

Three (3) Councilors for three year term

---CRAIG, Judith W.
---HASKELL, Peter A.
---MUNDAY, Ella L.
---SHERBURNE, Erlfred W.
---TEMPESTA, Albert C.
---THOMPSON, Dean R.

One (1) SAD #46 Directors for three year term

No one has chosen to be on the ballot

One (1) SAD #46 Directors for two year term

---SMITH Patricia M.

TWO (2) Dexter Utility District Trustee for three year term

---CUSHMAN, Hartland L.
---CRAWFORD, Robert E.
---KAUFMAN, Francis L.

Want to Serve on a Town Board or Committee?

Municipal Boards and Committees perform a vital role in the conduct of Town government in Maine. We rely heavily on these groups to develop plans and programs for the community. We currently have positions available on a number of boards and committees:

Board of Appeals (3)	Planning Board (3)
Human Resources (2)	Recreation (1)
Airport Advisory (1)	Personnel Advisory (1)
Library Trustees (3)	Golf Course (1)
Wakefield Scholarship (1)	

Applications are available at the Town Office or a letter of interest may be submitted to the Town Clerk, 23 Main Street, Dexter, by 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 5, 2007. If you have questions, please contact me at 924-7351 or dextertownclerk@adelphia.net.

Shelley L. Watson

Reminder from the Tax Collector

The Municipal property tax rate for the period of July 2007 – June 2008 has been set at 21.40 mils. Out of each tax dollar earmarked in the FY 2008 budget, we will spend 49 cents to operate the town, 45 cents to the school district and 6 cents to the County. The 2007-2008 budget had a net increase of 3.2% over the 2006-07 budget. Property owners are reminded that their 2007-2008 property taxes are due October 31, 2007. Interest will be applied at a rate of 12.00% until paid. Unpaid taxes as of June 30, 2007 will be reported in the annual town report. Also, residents should be aware that they may qualify for the State sponsored property tax relief program. Qualification for the program is based on income. If you are

single and have no dependents, the 2006 income limit is \$80,750. If you are married or have dependents, your 2006 income limit is \$105,750. The deadline for filing is June 2, 2008. Forms are available at the town office or by logging on to www.maine.gov/revenue. If you have questions, please contact me at 924-7351 or dexterfinance@adelphia.net.

Assessor

We hired William VanTuinen Tax Assessment Services to review and inspect residential and seasonal properties in Dexter as part of a town-wide revaluation project that will be completed for the 2008 tax year. It has been seventeen years since the Town had its last complete equalization project. Representatives from the VanTuinen Company have been looking at properties on Puffers Pond and Lake Wassookeag and will be in town and visiting various neighborhoods through early summer 2008. If a representative comes to your home he or she will have a photo ID and you may confirm the identity of the inspector with the Dexter Police Department. Remember that you may ask to re-schedule a visit to a time that is more convenient for you, and that the information being gathered is necessary to accomplish the goal of a fairer property tax. It is important that our records are as accurate as possible and the Town truly appreciates your cooperation. Before the new values are committed to the tax collector, you will receive a notice of the new valuation so that you can review the information and ask questions of the inspectors. We expect to have these new values completed by June of 2008, and several weeks will be set aside for persons to examine and compare the new values. If you have any questions please call me at 924-3241 or townassessor@dextermaine.org.

David Pearson

Code Enforcement

It is my pleasure to be serving the Town of Dexter as Code Enforcement Officer and Local Plumbing Inspector. I have jumped in to my job with both feet, have made my way to all parts of town and met so many nice people. My focus has been getting familiar with the codes, ordinances and procedures, issuing 35 Land use permits, 28 Plumbing permits 10 Shoreland Permits, and administered 16 Planning Board Permits since my starting day of July 10; and confirmation by the Town Council on July 12. The main emphasis of my work is the education of land owners, prompt and courteous customer service and solution based prevention of land use and plumbing violations. For many of you reading this, that may come as a surprise. Code education is one of the frontline public services offered by the Town of Dexter. I am looking forward to working with the residents of Dexter and being an informed resource for the town. My office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 12 noon, inspection appointments are available in the afternoon. For assistance, please contact me at 924-7620 or townceo@dextermaine.org.

Jana Wood