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Norridgewock, Maine

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Irene Damren presented Boston Post Cane



Town Manager Richard LaBelle presented 101-year old Irene Damren with the Boston Post Cane at a reception held at Harbor Hill in Belfast. Married to Clarence "Peanut" Damren, Irene was joined in the celebration by family, friends, and staff at Harbor Hill. Above, Irene poses with her daughter Carol Whidden.

Chamber of Commerce Announces Downtown Holiday Activities

The Norridgewock Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a winter celebration in the downtown area on Saturday, December 9 beginning at 3:00 p.m. The event will be highlighted by the Christmas tree lighting at 67 Main Street at 4:30.

The tree lighting will be the first community event planned for the green space in the downtown that was donated to the town by resident Alice Emery. This lot will serve as a gathering place for future community happenings.

As a part of the event, the Chamber will be collecting donated toys, all proceeds to benefit the Norridgewock Community Christmas Program. Bring a new, unwrapped toy to the event to help a family in need. Donations may be dropped off on the day of the event in the municipal parking lot at the corner of Welch Street.

The Chamber is seeking volunteers to support the event, as well as businesses looking to participate in the event. If you are interested in participating, please contact either Chamber President Bob Gilcott at 431-5188, email Chamber Secretary Sylvia Miller at norridgewockareachamber@gmail.com, or Richard LaBelle at 634-2252. ♦

Newsletter returns to Norridgewock

We are pleased to reintroduce a Town newsletter to keep the public informed of events and happenings. Articles will include information on Town affairs, upcoming events, special interest pieces, airport and library updates, as well as local organizational pieces.

The newsletter will be published quarterly in order to provide regular communication at a minimal cost to the taxpayer. Special papers may be issued to cover large community events or happenings.

If you have any suggestions for the newsletter, please reach out to someone at the Town Office. ♦

Beech Hill Road reconstruction wrapping up



Reconstructed Beech Hill Road facing southwest towards George Street

Beech Hill Road saw much needed reconstruction this summer as road surfaces were improved, travel ways widened in some areas, and extended pavement over a section of Beech Hill and Independence Drive. The project also included two large culvert replacements and significant ditching.

Merle L. Lloyd and Sons was awarded the reconstruction contract, while Wellman Paving was responsible for the vast majority of paving and shoulder finish work. Final paving was completed October 18. Wellman crews are completing shoulder work beginning November 1.

The Road Committee is currently reviewing proposed projects for the 2018 construction season, pending funding. There are numerous projects for consideration. Budgets, traffic volume, road condition, and other factors are all taken into account when prioritizing projects. ♦



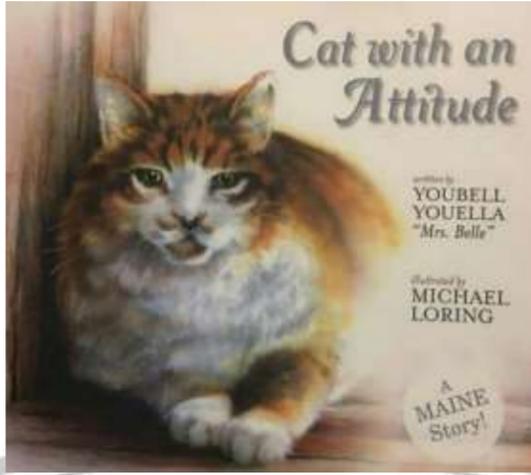
Referendum election to be held on November 7

State of Maine Referendum Election is on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at Mill Stream Elementary School Gymnasium from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm. There are no local ballot measures for consideration. There are four referendum questions. Question 1: York County Casino; Question 2: Medicaid Expansion; Question 3: Transportation Bond; Question 4: Pension Funding Constitutional Amendment. Full referendum questions on back.

If you are unable to vote in person on Election Day, you may request an absentee ballot through the Town Clerk. ♦

Norridgewock Library welcomes local author for book signing

Norridgewock Public Library hosted local author Youbell Jackson for a book signing at Sophie May Library on September 19. Jackson, author of children's book *Cat with an Attitude* tells a true story of her cat named Troubles and life on Main Street in Norridgewock. Troubles the Cat helps teach lessons about crossing streets, what to do when you come face to face with a skunk, and about funny noises and how they aren't always what they seem to be.



The event was hosted by the Library Trustees who provided refreshments throughout the evening. ♦



Rehabilitated Fire Safety House Debuts at Airport

Fire Department also hosted trick-or-treating on October 31

Norridgewock Fire Department reintroduced its fire safety house to the community at Central Maine

Regional Airport as a part of the 45th Annual Oosoola Days festivities. Repairs were made by members of the fire department and new signage has been installed.

The fire safety house is a great tool for educating the public about the importance of having working smoke detectors in the home, as well as how to safely respond in the event of an emergency. The fire safety house has been traditionally maintained through donations made by organizations utilizing the house.

In October, the fire department hosted children from Mill Stream Elementary School and Quimby Child Care Center to educate them on fire safety in support of Fire Prevention Week. The Fire Department also opened on Halloween to welcome trick-or-treaters. The event was a fun opportunity for children to meet firefighters and see the trucks!

Look out in a few weeks for Santa Clause to arrive on a Norridgewock fire truck! ♦

Nov. 7 Referendum Questions

Polling to be held at Mill Stream Gym

Question 1: Do you want to allow a certain company to operate table games and/or slot machines in York County, subject to state and local approval, with part of the profits going to the specific programs described in the initiative?

Question 2: Do you want Maine to expand Medicaid to provide healthcare coverage for qualified adults under age 65 with incomes at or below 138% of the federal poverty level, which in 2017 means \$16,643 for a single person and \$22,412 for a family of two?

Question 3: Do you favor a \$105,000,000 bond issue for construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities or equipment related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, transit and bicycle and pedestrian trails, to be used to match an estimated \$137,000,000 in federal and other funds, and for the upgrade of municipal culverts at stream crossings? Total estimated life time cost is \$133,875,000 representing \$105,000,000 in principal and \$28,875,000 in interest (assuming interest at 5.0% over 10 years).

Question 4: Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to reduce volatility in state pension funding requirements caused by the financial markets by increasing the length of time over which experience losses are amortized from 10 years to 20 years, in line with pension industry standards? ♦



Hosted at
Central Maine Regional Airport
Saturday, December 2, 2017
11:00 am – 2:00pm

For more information, contact
Ken Corson at 634-2882 or 399-9130

2018 Dog Licenses now available

Avoid the \$25.00 late fee
 Register before
 January 31, 2018

*Current rabies and
 spay/neuter
 documents must be
 on file at the time of
 registration*



New arrivals at Norridgewock Public Library!

Title	Author
Any Dream Will Do	Debbie Macomber
Proof of Life	J.A. Jance
The Store	James Patterson
Seeing Red	Sandra Brown
Need to Know	Fern Michaels
I Know a Secret	Tess Gerritsen
Secrets of Death	J.D. Robb
Glass Houses	Louise Penny
The Romanov Ransom	Clive Cussler
Charlatans	Robin Cook
Y is for Yesterday	Sue Grafton
To Be Where You Are	Jan Karon
Enigma	Catherine Coulter

The Town Office will be closed:
November 10 in observance of Veterans Day
November 23-24 in observance of Thanksgiving
December 25 in observance of Christmas Day
January 1 in observance of New Year's Day



Prices as of 11/02/17. Credit cards only

91 Non-Ethanol	100LL Avgas
\$3.60 per gal	\$4.45 per gal