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SELECTMEN

It has been a very busy summer town wide. Paving is completed. We held a successful Hazardous Waste Day and experienced a great Festival Weekend with events from Friday night into Sunday afternoon. (Please take note of our "thank you" for this very special day) We completed another year of tax assessment and commitment and just held a Special Town Meeting. The Selectmen have been involved in each of these to different degrees as well as meeting every Tuesday, except the week of July 4th.

We appreciate the volunteers on the various committees and members of the staff who make so much happen in such a short time period.

As those who attended the Special Town Meeting on August 28th already know, the two articles on the warrant regarding fireworks did not pass. This means that the Town Meeting has voted that the Town of Alfred will not have any municipal ordinances on fireworks and we will be bound by the State laws on fireworks that pertain to the manufacture, the sale and the use of fireworks. We held public hearings on this subject and met several times with the Alfred Planning Board to bring the two articles to vote on the 28th. The moratorium that was voted on in March was due to end in September. We thank all who participated in each of these meetings. Also voted down was a proposed change to the Zoning Ordinance.

Additional funds were approved for the Legal account in the amount of \$2,000.00. In the roads budgets, \$19,769.61 was transferred from the Paving account to the Summer Roads account. Several projects will be done with these funds. Lastly, \$1,000 was added to the Immunization and Physicals account. There were forty-four residents in attendance.

The 2012 tax assessment ended with a zero increase in the tax rate. It remains at \$13.30 per thousand as it was last year. The taxes are due on October 1st. We have received approximately 10% of the tax commitment thus far.

The installation of the speed bump on the Saco Road has brought comments, some positive and some negative, to our attention. The "sharpness" of the bump seems to be of concern to some and we have spoken with the Road Commissioner, Jon Lord,

who has investigated other types of speed bumps that will work but will be less aggressive. We have had many comments on the benefits felt from the speed bumps. Among them are the slower speed of traffic, vehicles stopping at the Saco/Kennebunk stop sign and less vehicles using the Saco Road to get to Route 111. This subject will be discussed further at Selectmen's meetings.

The new system in the Town Hall vault has been installed and the staff is slowly putting the files back in order. What a difference this has made in better organizing our town records. We invite you to stop in for a "look" at your well spent tax dollars!!

Most of the Town Committee/Board reappointments are due on July 31st of every year. We reappointed many residents to the various Committees and were able to welcome a few new members as well. We ask, if you are interested, to speak with the Town Clerk to check to see if we have any open positions.

As fall approaches we will begin the budget process for the year 2013. Typically we sent out notices/requests for budgets in mid-October. From one Town Meeting to the next, we move forward with the processes needed to keep our Town safe and strong in today's world.

We are excited to report that Glenn Charette, has completed the certification necessary to qualify him as a CEO/BI/LPI, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector/ Licensed Plumbing Inspector. This is a time consuming process including classes, in field training and many hours of testing. Please join us in congratulating him on this achievement.

As always we welcome you to our Tuesday night selectmen meetings. Usually we begin at 5:00 p.m.

Your Selectmen,
Glenn, George and John



November 22nd



THANK YOU!!

A huge thank you goes out to each and every one of you who played a role in the 2012 Alfred Festival.

The word “festival” means “a joyful celebration or occasion when cultural works are produced or performed”. This certainly describes our little community annual event where residents and visitors young and old come to enjoy a day of celebration.

It takes many hours of planning and “hands on work” from many people who must work together to make this happen. It would be hard to list all individual volunteers/participants who played a role in this festival. We do know who you are though.

- The Alfred Festival Committee and the many sub-committee members are first and foremost. Though few in numbers, a mighty amount of energy was put forth, each one doing their part to add to the whole. The parade committee, the entertainment committee, the craft committee, the food and non-craft committee, the folks who plan the demonstration tent, the race committee, the advertising committee and all those who handle the behind the scenes issues, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Chairman. Those who set up and those who take down and those who clean up. Thank you!
- The Alfred Park & Recreation Committee who put together an amazing group of children’s events on the court house lawn which were attended and enjoyed by so many. Thank you!
- The Alfred Parish Church for their long standing involvement in this special day of celebration. Thank you!
- Those companies and individuals who donated to the rental of the BIG tent. Thank you!
- The Lion’s Club memberships for a number of years have worked with the Committee to provide a “cultural” event held in small towns across America for many years. A Food Contest!! And the Saturday morning breakfast with food available all day takes a lot of planning and hard work from these folks. Thank you!
- The music entertainers who add the “joyful” to the day with their wonderful talents. Among these were our own “hometown” entertainers, Steve & Emily. Thank you!
- Several other entities in town took place with their own form of celebration. The Alfred Fire and Rescue Departments, the Alfred Library, the Alfred Historical Committee with the opening of the town museum, the Shaker Museum folks and the York County Shelter who raised and donated \$450 to the Alfred Rescue Department and those who oversee the annual tractor pull. Thank you!
- All of the parade participants. We have heard that people come from afar just to see the “best parade” in York County every year. This would never happen without your participation and the judges and parade Master of Ceremonies. Thank you!
- Sergeant Hicks and Deputies of the York County Sheriff Department who provided traffic control during the race and the parade. Thank you!
- To all who attended and smiled. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Glenn A. Dochtermann, George Donovan & John J. Sylvester

Alfred, Board of Selectmen

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Elections / Voting News...



The State of Maine / Presidential Election will be held Tuesday November 6, 2012 from 8:00 AM until 8:00 PM. at the Conant Chapel. Check our website at: www.alfredme.us for more information as it becomes available. Select the option for "Departments", "Town Clerk" and then "Elections".

If you have not registered to vote and would like to do so, please drop by the Town Clerk/Registrar's Office. Be sure to have a photo ID and proof of residency showing your street address.

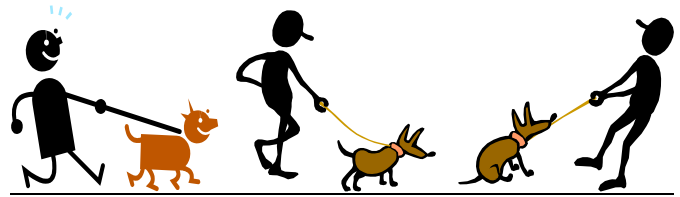
Canine News...

Maine State Law requires the owner/keeper of any dog to obtain a license within 10 days of either of the following: A dog reaches the age of 6 months or more; or a person becomes the owner/keeper of a dog aged 6 months or more.

F.Y.I. Your dog license fees support:

- Local Animal Control Officers
- Investigation of animal cruelty complaints and enforcement of animal welfare laws
- Compliance with rabies vaccination of dogs
- Care for sick and injured stray animals
- Return of lost dogs to their owners

****All dog licenses will expire on December 31, 2012****



Licenses and tags for the 2013 calendar year should be available by mid to late October.

Hunting / Fishing...

Fall hunting season will soon be here. Hunting licenses are available from the Town Clerk's Office. New Hunting and Trapping Law & Rule Books will be available this fall. You can go on-line at www.mefishwildlife.com to view the current regulations.

Remember that fishing is also a fun family activity. Fishing licenses are still available at the Town Clerk's Office. The season for lakes and ponds in York County now extends from October 1st through December 31st for catch and release. All trout, landlocked salmon and togue (lake trout) caught while open water fishing or ice water fishing must be released alive at once.

Many waters have special rules that differ from the general law provisions. Please check the list of individual waters under each county.

Town Clerk,
Andy Bors

ALFRED FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

The 58th Alfred Festival has come and gone leaving many pleasant memories for the children in our towns. The committee believes that it was one of the most successful festivals in the past few years. There were some improvements added and we hope we can continue them in the future.

One change was the "Big Tent" which allowed anyone desiring to escape the sun and sit and enjoy the entertainment possible. The tent was a major expense but the rental cost was defrayed by generous donations of local businesses and individuals. We are very grateful for their help.

Friday evening's entertainment was provided by the Western Jamboree which is a change and was enjoyed by everyone while waiting for their selection of Chili or Chowder and pie. This event was the most profitable competition in years for the Massabesic Lions Club. While enjoying their meal, patrons were provided with plenty of tables and chairs under the new tent. The winners of the Chili contest were: Chili – Emily Cook won first place for her Jacked Island Chili, Susan Pierce – second place with a veggie chili, and third place went to Cory Canning for his Chili Con-Carne.



For the Chowder contest first place went to Nancy Whiting for her Seafood Chowder, Gary Moreau took second place for his Landlocked Lobster Chowder and third place went to Emily Cook for Auntie Em's Island Veggie Chowder.



The pie contest winners were first place to Lisa Cook for Lemon Curd pie, second to Sue Hatch with a layered Lemon pie and third to Urilla Cheverie for her Chocolate pie.



The judges for the contests were John Sylvester, Charles Baker, Maurice Donovan, Joyce Krahling, Julie Dunlap, Phillip Morrison, Julia Morrison, and Barbara Roberts.

On Saturday the Run for Fun was successfully held with ideal running conditions, as the weather was especially friendly to runners this year. Sue & Rob Pierce are the executors of the event. There were representatives from a variety of age groups from 19 to 60 plus. The under 19 group was won by George Morrison

from Limerick and Charlotte Pierce of Alfred; the winners in the 20-29 group were Tim Tibbetts of Lyman and Katherine Pierce of Alfred; in the 30-39 group, Sarah Tibbetts of Lyman and Nate Smith of Sanford were the winners; ages 40-49 winners were Heidi Woolever-Daly and Bob Harley of Alfred; the 50-59 group was won by Ellen Richardson of Eliot and Alan Russell; the over 60 group had one winner, Ron Paquett who was the oldest participant.

The parade was well attended and enjoyed by most spectators. Leading the parade were the honorary Grand Marshalls who were a group of happy Alfred Elementary School children and their principal, Virginia Drouin. The driver was Tom Plummer in his bright red convertible.



Award winners from each category are as follows:

The Equestrian first place winner was won by S. Michelle riding Eva; (Savanna Ouellette's horse); second place was earned by Autumn Green; third place won by April Williams-VanSandt on Saving Grace.

The first place float was won by Scotts Cove Campground; second place won by the Giles Family; and coming in third was the Friends Shaker Museum float.

The band competition was led by the Alumni Band followed by the Dunlap Band and in third place were the Kora Highlanders.

In the Marching category first place was earned by Daisy Troop # 1099; second by the

Alfred Village Museum's Hula-Hooper's and third was Parson Library.

The Bike awards first place winner was Isabella Hurlburt; second was Kate Mynaham and third was Collin Scully.

We regret that the list of winners for the cars was accidently lost due to a wind gust. There were many interesting cars and they are always enjoyed by the spectators.

The judges for the parade were Matt Daly, Peggy Greer and Joyce Wood. The announcer was Larry Greer.

Congratulations to the winners and all the participants. Everyone did a great job!

Entertainment following the parade began with the Northern Explosion Cloggers; they are a lively group to watch. The Dick Kaplan Band, Steve and Emily McKinnon and Lex Romano and Joe Rillo provided music most of the afternoon.

The Court House lawn was the scene of much activity, there was barely a square inch of bare ground. The Committee's Stella Holt and Amy Moore planned some great activities for the children and from all reports they were very successful. The wagon and mules provided rides through the village and were busy all day. The children and some adults had a fun time on the rides. The Bounce House was never empty and it was hard to get the children out to take it down at the end of the day.

The Saturday evening chicken dinner provided by the First Parish Church was excellent. Following dinner, entertainment was provided by the Alumni Band.

On Sunday, the final and one of the most popular activities was the picnic at Brothers Beach on Shaker Pond. The Parish Paddlers and the Conservation Commission joined together to have a picnic and enjoy swimming. This was the last activity of the festival.

Following the festival a wrap-up meeting was held by the Committee. While there were

many accolades about the festival and commendations from the selectmen we know that there is always room for improvement. The goal each year is to at least break even and improve on the year before. To that end we did end up in the black but without a surplus. There were many suggestions for improvement that we are considering for next year. A few are presented here:

- Place 3 large information signs, one in the center, one part way down Kennebunk Rd., and one at the Court House. Place signs around the village to help visitors locate the various activities including signs for the Porta-Potties.
- Additional barriers on Kennebunk Rd. and add 3 policemen. Several cars ignored the signs this year and drove down Kennebunk Rd.
- Have a ticket taker at both ends of the wagon rides so that people don't have to walk so far to access the ride.
- A louder, better sound system.
- Relocate the Demonstration tent so that more people see it and thus visit it.
- Change the numbering system to help the vendors find their locations.
- Make sure that food vendors are integrated in all areas of activity.
- Consider having the church dinner under the big tent and cater the meal.
- Mix up parade categories so there is a break between types of participants and improve pacing of the parade by better communication.
- Sell T-shirts on Friday evening as well as Saturday.

Let us know of any suggestions you may have or join our meetings once in a while with suggestions. It is everyone's festival so feel free to offer suggestions for improvements and ideas for a better festival.

Check out the Alfred Festival Internet site developed by Stella Holt. It is very good.

As always the committee thanks all the businesses, individuals and volunteers who donated their time, money and talent to making

the festival an important event to the Alfred Community.

Please consider donating some of your time by either joining the Committee or helping the week of the festival with some of the necessary set up tasks.

The Festival Committee;

John Sylvester, Chairman

Elaine Beal, Secretary

Paula Frodyma, Treasurer & Entertainment

Nancy Amara – At large

Priscilla & Ray Blanchette – Publicity

Stella Holt, Children's Activities

Amy Moore, Children's Activities

Allison & Almon Williams, Demonstrations

Susan & Rob Pierce, Race

Susan Pierce – T-Shirts

Amy Titcomb – Parade

Joanna Sylvester - Parade

Marcia Keefe, Crafts & Non-Food Vendors

Joyce Krahling, Church Dinner

Joyce Wood – Consultant

**Thank you
one and all
for a wonderful
Festival Day 2012**



CODE ENFORCMENT

An erosion and sediment control training seminar will be held October 24, 2012 at the Town Hall (second floor). You must register to attend. Cost for the seminar is \$ 30.00 and manuals will be passed out. Registration for the seminar begins at 8:00 am, the class will continue until 4:30pm. There will be a lunch break (lunch is not provided!) Register at alfceo@roadrunner.com or call 324-5872 ext. 206.

This seminar is required in order to be certified in erosion control best practices for any earth moving activities in shoreland. Please make your check payable to: Treasurer, State of Maine

Most of you know that Alfred has adopted the MAINE UNIFORM BUILDING AND ENERGY CODES, effective March 31, 2012.

Alfred's building permit requirements are as follows:

Any owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation which is regulated by the codes, or to cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the Building Official and obtain required permit.

EXCEPTIONS:

One story, detached accessory structures, used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 120 square feet, fences not over 6 feet high, sidewalks, swings and other playground equipment, replacement roofing, replacement siding, replacement windows provided that no structural changes to the building are required as part of such work; the Code Enforcement Officer shall be consulted before starting this type of work.

Glenn, CEO, BI, LPI

PARSONS MEMORIAL LIBRARY



Photo courtesy of Heidi Woolever Daly

Miss Karen and library volunteers came up with a very creative Summer Reading program, showcasing local farms and creating a beautiful (and productive) community garden. Over sixty local and visiting children signed up! Special thanks to Jon Lord for soil for the garden, Amy Sprague from Wolf Pine Farm, Allison Williams, Bill Vivian, and Heidi Daly.

Pre-school story-time resumes Tuesday Sept. 4th from 10-11 am. Yoga Story-time with Babu will be on the last Tuesday of the month.

Starting in September, 12 Steps to a Compassionate Life by Karen Armstrong:

Is this a book study? NO! But a book study is part of it. What is proposed could change the nature of Alfred to a more wholesome community in which to live and raise a family. Of course it will take effort on your part to experience it. Parsons Memorial Library will host a series of discussions and practices led by two of our own professionals, Bruce Burnham and Larry Greer. The size of the group must be limited for meaningful discussion so sign-up now at the library and get a book.

Karen Armstrong is a prolific author, columnist, and British TV commentator, who was awarded the TED prize to promote the best idea for improving human-kind in 2008. Since then she wrote "Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life" to communicate THE idea. The formed group will study, discuss and apply her idea which is older than human existence and is included in all world religions. It was first recorded by Confucius in about the year 500 BCE, namely, treat others as you would want them to treat you.

Starting September 10th (seven sequenced sessions), second and fourth Mondays, 6:30 PM to 8 PM, Parsons Memorial Library Community Room. Call or visit the library to sign-up 324-2001 or email: alflib@roadrunner.com

The Friends of the Library continue to fund free and discount museum passes. Up to 4 people can use the pass to the Children's Museum of Maine and only have to pay 50 percent of the regular admittance fee. Call or visit the library for more information. New this year is a pass allowing two adults and two students per day free admission to 19th Century Willowbrook Village in Newfield.

Please note! When the library was built the Parsons family included Alfred, Waterboro and Lyman residents as patrons. This still applies.

Programs and meetings:

Tea & Tunes: 4th Wednesday 6:30-8:00

Friends of the Library: 1st Wednesday of each month at 7 pm

Games Club: Wednesdays at 1 pm.

Book Discussion: 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 pm.

Library Board of Trustees Meeting: 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 pm



Credit and Debit Cards Now Accepted



Please join us in welcoming Sheila Chalmers to our Town Hall family. Sheila is our new Deputy Tax Collector and will be working with Darcy Hobgood. If her name sounds familiar, it's because she is the wife of our retired beloved Red Chalmers former CEO. Welcome aboard Sheila!

The Town of Alfred now accepts over the counter credit and debit cards as payment for all taxes and registrations. Cards accepted are MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Discover. A 2.5% convenience fee with a one dollar minimum will be added to all card payments to cover the fees charged by our third-party processor.

TAX COLLECTOR

Taxes due October 1st

2012 real estate and personal property taxes are due October 1, 2012 with interest of 7% accruing as of October 2, 2012. It is the responsibility of the assessed owners with taxes in escrow to forward their tax bill to their mortgage holder. If you are paying by mail and require a receipt, please include a stamped self-addressed stamped envelope.

Tax Club 2013 **See application form near the end of the newsletter**

Once again the Town of Alfred will offer residents the opportunity to participate in the Tax Club. Members will make 12 monthly payments on their real estate taxes and interest will be waived for the last three months of the year. Past members of the Tax Club will receive their coupon booklet by mail in December. New members should fill out the following application and either drop it off or mail it in before December 1, 2012.

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife News

Snowmobile registrations are valid from July 1st through June 30th of the following year. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife offers online registration for snowmobiles at:

<https://www10.informe.org/ifw/atv-snow/> .

The online process is easy and payment by credit card is quick and secure. Once you complete this application, IF&W will process the registration and send your registration in the mail in approximately one week.

Registrations will also be available at the Tax Collector's office during normal office hours. Please bring your old registration with you when you come to re-register.

****Early Office Closure:****

The Tax Collector's Office will be open from **8:30 to 1:45 on Wednesday October 10th**

We will be closing 45 minutes early that day in order to participate in the Bureau of Motor Vehicle's Fall Workshop.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

Darcy Hobgood

ALFRED WATER DISTRICT

Regular readers of the Shiretown News know that the Alfred Water Co /District is 100 years old. Back in 1912 the Water Co. did not meter water, they used annual rates. The following is a list of annual rates taken from the 1913 "Town Report": single family, one faucet-\$8.00, additional faucet-\$2.00, bath tub-\$4.00, water closet-\$5.00, sill cock-\$5.00, private stable two animals \$5.00 and each additional animal \$0.75. These rates may seem low, but consider that wages for a working man were around \$225 a year.

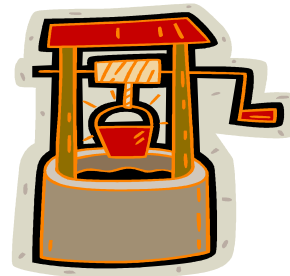
Now in 2012, we meter the water use and have started installing "Radio Read" meters. These meters have many advantages for the customer. We can monitor the meters with a handheld computer that detects leaks and high usage. The meter also stores up to two years of usage that can be extracted at the customer's request and generates detailed reports that will show the customer when they had high usage or a leak. This past winter several customers had leaks while they were away, causing damage and high water bills. I could tell by our system computer that leaks were happening, but had no way to tell which residence had the leak. Now I will be able to receive a signal from the "Radio Read" meters telling me where the leak is.

The trustees of the district are forward thinking and always looking to the future by making upgrades to our system such as the new "Radio Read" meter system. They also look to the future and have hired a young person that will be my replacement when I retire. Her name is Chelsea Elliott. She works a full time job and devotes a few hours a week for the district to learn the business. She is very intelligent and a quick learner. Hopefully she will come to love working here as I have. I was fortunate enough to start working here just as the new treatment plant came out of the ground along with other improvements. Even though I am not an Alfred resident, I feel like the district is a member of my family and I believe Chelsea will also.

With hurricane season and winter right behind that, this is a reminder to Alfred residents with wells, who lose power or their well becomes contaminated. You can obtain drinking water from the Alfred Fire Department. The water district tests the water monthly, at the fire station, for bacteria. Please bring a **clean container** and if the station is closed obtain water from the outside spigot, just remember to remove the hose first as it could contain **bacteria**.

Kerry Smart

Superintendent, AWD



ALFRED FIRE & RESCUE

The Rescue has responded to 132 calls for Medical Aid in this last quarter. This brings our total for the year to 278. Sanford Fire Department has just now taken delivery of a new Ambulance and their plan is to keep the older one it was replacing so as to have a non-staffed reserve ambulance. This will allow them to have two ambulances operational even if one goes out for maintenance. In the past, every time one of their ambulances was out of service, Alfred had been their primary back up (Mutual Aid) due to our close proximity and mostly to our very quick response times. They quite often have two ambulance calls at the same time so Alfred's ambulance was too often out of Alfred assisting injured or ill people in Sanford and Springvale.

We welcomed a new SMCC live-in student this summer. Melanie Jutras is from Saco and is an incoming freshman enrolled in the Fire Science program. She is also planning on entering the Paramedicine program. Both are 2 year Associate of Science degree programs. She is

near completion of her Emergency Medical Technician certification.



She is also near the end of the three week long Fire Academy for all students in the Live In program. In a story covering the Fire Academy shown this week on WMTW, she was highlighted twice. She has fit in very quickly and so far has been a wonderful addition to both the Fire and Rescue. We hope she stays with us for the duration of her education.

Carl French

FRIENDS OF SHAKER MUSEUM

The Museum is preparing for the September Apple Fest on Shaker hill

For a great time, come to the two-day Apple Fest at Alfred Shaker Museum on Shaker Hill on the weekend of Sept. 22 and 23. The event is a collaboration by the Friends of the museum (FASM), the York County Shelter, the Brothers of Christian Instruction and Giles Farm (which also will open for pumpkin-picking this fall) and will offer a harvest of fun, and interesting options – apple-picking, crafts, games, good food, animals, a seafood raffle, tours of the historic hill, yard sales, vendor shopping, and music. FASM is offering pony rides for children for the first time. It's a good time too for buying unique and unusual gifts.

The event will be open both weekend days from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

FASM will have many demonstrators of crafts the Shakers might have done, such as weaving poplar-ware baskets, making penny rugs, chair-caning, and much more. Activities for children include dunking for apples and a fish pond, in addition to the pony rides

Chef Charlie will be in the back room with all kinds of luncheon ideas, including main dishes, corn chowder, and Shaker apple pie, to supplement the hamburgers and hot dogs which will be grilled and sold outside. Tickets for wagon tours of the former Shaker Village will be sold at the information booth as well as raffle tickets on lobsters and clams provided by LaFlamme's Lobsters of Arundel, the second year LaFlamme's has made this donation.

FASM's annual meeting was held in June. John Michaloski, the new director of Willowbrook, was the speaker and delivered a terrific talk. Discussions have been initiated among FASM, Willowbrook, and the Sanford-Springvale museum about collaborating in future on some seasonal events. It remains to be seen what develops.

James Boyle of Waterboro took over in June as FASM's new president, succeeding Mary Lee Dunn Maguire. Brother Albert Heinrich of Shaker Hill succeeds him as a member of the board of directors.

For more information on FASM please visit either their website:

www.alfredshakermuseum.com or the Town of Alfred's website: www.alfredme.us.

HEALTH OFFICER

This is a reminder that although the late summers early fall days often bring welcome relief from the hot and humid days of summer, it is also a time that we need to be recognizant in regard to the associated health concerns several of which I will briefly report here.

Pertusis: (whooping cough) is truly not a disease of concern only in the fall months

here in Maine. I list it here only because the fall is the time during which our children return to school and vaccination of all school age children which was once the standard is not necessarily the situation now. The Maine Center for Disease Control (CDC) reports a total of 55 confirmed cases of pertussis occurring in nine counties in Maine during January 1, to May 11, 2012. The Maine CDC reports more than 200 confirmed cases in year 2011. In Maine, pertussis is most common among adolescents followed by infants younger than 1 year of age who are too young to have received all their immunizations. In Maine, outbreaks have occurred, particularly among school-aged children at schools, child care centers, camps, sports teams and work places. Adults need to recognize that they can be a point source of infection and they should consult with their physician in regard to their immunization needs especially if they care for infants less than 12 months of age, are a healthcare worker, or are elderly. For more information, one may visit the CDC website: <http://www.mainepublichealth.gov>

Lyme disease: is one of several emerging tick diseases in the state of Maine. The incidence of the disease continues to rise and the clinical disease includes dermatologic, rheumatologic, neurologic and cardiac manifestations. York and Cumberland counties account for 55 % of the cases. It is caused by a type of bacteria named "Borellia burgdorferi" that is carried by infected deer ticks. Transmission occurs when an individual has an infected deer tick named "Ixodes scapularis" attached and feeding for 24 to 48 hours. Early clinical indication of the disease is an initial skin lesion commonly referred to as the "bull's eye" rash or erythema migrans (EM) which occurs in 70 to 80 % of the cases 3 to 30 days after the tick bite. Untreated infections can lead to late manifestations in the joints, heart and/or nervous system. Late manifestations include arthritis characterized by recurrent brief attacks of joint swelling: lymphocytic meningitis: cranial neuritis (such as Bell's palsy): encephalitis: and second or third degree heart block.

Anaplasmosis: like lyme disease is an emerging tick disease here in the state of Maine. The Maine CDC issued a health alert on August 9, 2012 stating 38 cases of anaplasmosis in year 2012 which was an increase from the 26 reported in year 2011. Anaplasmosis like lyme disease is transmitted by the bite of the infected deer tick. Many of our deer ticks here in the state of Maine are infected with both lyme disease and anaplasmosis. Symptoms of anaplasmosis include headache, fever, chills, confusion, and abdominal pain. There is rarely a rash associated with anaplasmosis. The key to prevention is dress appropriately for out door activity, tick inspection of your body upon returning from out door activities and then early diagnosis and treatment upon development of clinical signs.

Mosquito borne diseases – Eastern Equine Encephalomyelitis and West Nile Virus –

These two diseases are truly diseases of the late summer early fall months. Both these diseases are carried by birds and then transmitted by the bite of a mosquito previously infected by feeding on those infected birds. These two diseases in my opinion are of particular concern as no immunization exists and as on any one evening, anybody spending time outdoors is bitten by a number of mosquitoes. Mosquitoes infected with West Nile virus have now been reported to be identified in York County and more recently in Gorham. One suggestion recently made by a state health official in regard to avoiding these diseases is for all of us to limit outdoor activities from dusk to early dawn. This seems to me to be unlikely and of particular concern as in the weeks ahead many of our school children will be engaged in outdoor sports activities with many of us as spectators during these hours. One nearby community is reported recently to have initiated spraying school properties as means of prevention. The Maine CDC website reported above lists a number of recommendations in regard to personal and environmental preventative measures. Some of the more commonly suggested preventive actions to be taken include:

Personal Protection:

- Wear shoes and socks, long pants and long sleeved shirt when outdoors for long periods of time.
- Consider using a mosquito repellent in accordance to the directions on the label.

Control of mosquitoes in and around your home:

- Remove all sources of standing water that may serve as a site for mosquitoes to lay their eggs.
- Remove leaf debris and vegetation that may also serve as an area for mosquitoes to inhabit and reproduce.

Dr. Dennis Brewster
Health Officer

VETERANS COMMITTEE



I have been asked by Raymond Drown, Chairman of the Veteran's Committee to write a short article on a project I've been involved with recently. I have become a volunteer for a website called "Find A Grave.com". This is a very informative and a very helpful website with a wealth of information for anyone who is trying to locate their loved ones burial sites. People can add their loved ones burial place, upload pictures of headstones and cemeteries. I am a

photo volunteer, which means when someone requests a photo of a headstone I receive an email of the request. If I am able to go to the cemetery and take the picture, I then post it for them on this website and fulfill their request. There are many places of rest that families have never seen or been to. So, having a picture means a lot to them. I have had the honor of several requests at Evergreen Cemetery here in Alfred that I have been able to fulfill. I received several requests from a woman in British Columbia Canada named Yvonne Gowen. Her husband's family is from Alfred and she wanted six different graves photographed. Upon my research here at the Town Hall, I discovered one of the persons she was looking for was a Civil War Veteran! His name was Rufus Bean and he died in 1892. When I found his grave site I took several pictures for her and uploaded them on www.findagrave.com. I mentioned to Yvonne that soon our Veterans Committee would be replacing the worn flags just before Memorial Day as our town's way of honoring our Veterans. She was so excited and pleased that I asked if I could be the one to place the new flag. I was truly honored to do this for her.



Photo taken by Raymond Drown

It has been a rich and rewarding experience for me. Veterans Day is just around the corner (Sunday November 11th) so I'm asking that you might find the time to visit a local cemetery, take a moment to pause and remember our Veterans who served our great country!

Respectfully submitted by,
Donna Pirone

Tax Club Information

The Town of Alfred assesses property on April 1st, mails bills in July with taxes due on October 1st. Although the town has only one due date for the tax year, many taxpayers prefer to make smaller monthly payments. By joining the Town of Alfred's Tax Club, members make 12 monthly payments beginning in January, based on an estimate of the year's taxes.

When bills are received in July, the taxpayer adjusts his or her monthly payment such that the entire amount is paid by year end. Another benefit to Tax Club members is the waiving of interest on their October, November and December payments.

If you would like to become a member of the Town of Alfred's Tax Club, please fill out the application below. A payment book will be mailed to all 2013 Tax Club members in December, 2012, with your first payment due in January, 2013.

If you have any questions, please call the Tax Collector's office at 324-3521 ext. 203.

Sincerely,

Darcy Hobgood, Tax Collector

TOWN OF ALFRED
TAX CLUB

RULES AND REGULATIONS: The Tax Club of the Town of Alfred will be conducted on a payment plan approved by the Town and the individual taxpayer not to exceed 12 months in duration. Taxpayers must make payments according to the Tax Club coupon book issued to them, no later than the last day of the month in order to qualify for the "No Interest" benefit.

Payments will be made at the Tax Collector's Office, Town of Alfred, 16 Saco Rd., Alfred, ME or mailed to the Tax Collector's Office, Town of Alfred, P.O. Box 850, Alfred, Maine 04002.

Payments received after the due date will be subject to paying all back interest and fees if applicable.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Map: _____ Lot: _____ Account Number: _____

I have read the above and do hereby agree to join the Town of Alfred Tax Club.

Date: _____

Signed: _____

<u>TO BE COMPLETED BY TOWN</u>
Fiscal Year: 2013
Tax Bill: \$_____
Number of Payments: 12
Amount per Payment: \$_____

Maine Residents Property Tax and Rent Refund “Circuitbreaker” Application

(for refunds of property tax assessed or rent paid during 2011)

YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR A REFUND UP TO \$1,600 IF:

- You do not have a spouse or dependent(s) and your 2011 household income was \$64,950 or less; or
 - You have a spouse or dependent(s) and your 2011 household income was \$86,600 or less
AND
 - Your 2011 property tax was more than 4% of your 2011 household income; or
 - The rent you paid in 2011 was more than 20% of your 2011 household income.
- NOTE: Low-income Seniors do not need to meet these requirements.*

Applications must be filed by May 31, 2013.

How Do I Apply for a Circuitbreaker Refund?



File online now. It's free at:

www.maine.gov/revenue/netfile/gateway2.htm

OR

Mail a completed application to Maine Revenue Services
PO Box 1066, Augusta, Maine 04332-1066

Where Can I Get a Circuitbreaker Application Booklet?

- Booklets and applications may be **downloaded** from the Maine Revenue Services web site at www.maine.gov/revenue/forms/homepage.html.
- Applicants who would like to have a booklet **mailed** directly to them may:
 - **Call** the forms line at 207-624-7894 (leave your name and mailing address).
 - **Write** to Maine Revenue Services, PO Box 9107, Augusta, Maine, 04332-9107.
- General Information: www.maine.gov/revenue (click on Tax Relief) or call 207-626-8475.

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