

TO: Lincoln Town Council
FROM: Lisa J. Goodwin, Town Manager
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ITEM 1. Lincoln's Recreation will host its 10th Annual Basketball Tournament March 10th and 11th. Recreation Director, Ronald Weatherbee, said that the tournament slots are filling up quickly with 6 girls' teams and 8 boys' teams committed to the weekend. The fifth and sixth grade teams participating are Norridgewock, East Millinocket, Penobscot Nation, Millinocket, Milo, Orono-Veazie, Ellsworth, Corinth and Lincoln. This tournament was created to raise funds for the future recreational center. All proceeds are deposited into the Recreational Center Trust Fund. Currently, the fund has a balance of \$417,000.

Nancy Guiod is the tournament director again this year and is seeking volunteers to officiate, work concessions, admissions, keep the clock or book and run the t-shirt press. This fundraiser requires many workers so if you would like to help out, please call Mr. Weatherbee at 794-6548 or Nancy Guiod at 794-5556.

ITEM 2. This week Detective, David Cram, and Police Chief, William Lawrence, conducted training on robbery prevention for the Bank of Maine on Penobscot Valley Avenue. Chief Lawrence reports that they enjoyed the opportunity to meet and educate those in attendance and extended a special thanks to Vice President/Branch Manager, Patricia Theriault, for inviting them.

Sgt. Glenn Graef and Chief Lawrence will be conducting a Drug Awareness and Bath Salt presentation for all grades at Mattanawcook Academy along with a presentation to parents in the evening on February 29, 2012. There will be another presentation for 7th and 8th grades and parent forum scheduled at Mattanawcook Jr. High on April 5th. The police department has been asked to come back to do another Bath Salts presentation for more employees at the Penobscot Valley Hospital in March. To schedule your business or group crime prevention tips call the Police Department at 794-2610.

ITEM 3. Cemetery, Parks & Recreation Director, Ronald Weatherbee, has started the hiring process for summer help. Employment applications are now being accepted for various waterfront positions, recreation assistants and cemetery/grounds laborers. The application deadline is April 4, 2012. Applications are available on-line at www.lincolnmaine.org or at the Recreation Department.

For more information contact Mr. Weatherbee at 794-6548.

ITEM 4. Town Clerk, Shelly Crosby, received notification that she has been appointed as a Dedimus Justice by Governor LePage. A Dedimus Justice is the only lifetime appointment that the Governor makes. A Dedimus Justice administers the oath of office to persons elected or appointed to any civil office except when the State Constitution otherwise provides. For example, all Notary Publics are required to appear before a Dedimus Justice to take their oath of

office. Currently there are eight Dedimus Justices who reside in Lincoln, three of whom work for the Town of Lincoln. Congratulations, Shelly!

ITEM 5. Recreation Director, Ronald Weatherbee, reminds residents of the following activities. If you would like more information, please call Mr. Weatherbee at 794-6548.

- There will be a Recreational Center Fundraising Committee meeting at Health Access Network on Monday, February 27th, at 6:30 PM. This meeting is open to the public.
- Registration deadline for the trip to the Sports Arena scheduled for March 3rd is Monday, February 27th, at noon.
- The first night of the Precision Dribble Team is Monday, February 27th, at Mattanawcook Academy for grades 1 through 4. The girls event will be from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM and the boys will be from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

ITEM 6. A great way to learn about local government is to get involved by volunteering on a committee. The following committees currently have vacancies that need to be filled.

- Airport Advisory Committee
- Appeals Board
- Ballard Hill Community Center Ad Hoc Committee
- Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Committee
- Cemetery Committee
- Library Advisory Committee
- Planning Board
- Recreational Center Fundraising Committee
- Recreation Committee

If you are interested in volunteering to serve on one of these committees, download a participation form from our website www.lincolnmaine.org or visit the Town Office to fill out a form. For further information, please contact Town Clerk, Shelly Crosby, at 794-3372.

ITEM 7. Events Coordinator, Amanda Woodard, continues to finalize entertainment for the 2012 Homecoming Festival planned for July 19-21. Mrs. Woodard reports that on Friday night of Homecoming Veteran's Memorial Square will be hopping with two great bands! The Wildwoods Band will begin playing from 5:30 pm to 7:00 PM and from 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM the band Nightshift will play an array of classic rock. Make sure to mark your calendar and join us at the square for a night of great music!

ITEM 8. The Town Clerk's office received notice this week that the Democratic Caucus will be held this Sunday, February 26, 2012 at the Town Office beginning at 3:00 PM. Town Clerk, Shelly Crosby, will attend to register and enroll voters for one hour prior to the start of the caucus. Mrs. Crosby reports that other towns who will participate in the caucus include: Edinburg, Enfield, Howland, Lee and Passadumkeag.

ITEM 9. Since the fall of 2008, the Town of Lincoln and the Department of Inland Fisheries have partnered to offer Community Education Classes. These safety classes include topics such as boat, ATV and snowmobile safety, hunter safety, trapping, archery and cross-bow certification. Participants come from all over the state to attend these classes. With a class fee of \$5.00, it is bargain!

The next class to be held is Hunter Safety. The class will be held on March 17th and 18th at the Ballard Hill Community Center. Event Coordinator, Amanda Woodard, said that each class allows for a maximum of 40 students. There are 28 seats left for this class, so sign up soon as the class will fill up quickly. Registration forms along with the full list of classes are available on-line at www.lincolnmaine.org, or you may stop at the Town Office and see Mrs. Woodard.

Following the Hunter Safety class, the next two classes include Boat Safety on April 29th and ATV Safety on May 13th. For more information, call Mrs. Woodard at 794-3372.

ITEM 10. As previously reported in the Weekly News, the 2012 dog licensing grace period ended Tuesday, January 31st. The grace period allowed residents an opportunity to license their dogs beyond the December 31st deadline without paying a late fee of \$25.00 per dog. On February 2, 2012, the Clerk's office mailed out reminder notices to the remaining 150 dog owners who had not registered their dogs. As of this week, the list has been whittled down to just 65 unlicensed dogs. Several of these owners have more than one dog to license. Town Clerk, Shelly Crosby, will be turning this list of unlicensed dog owners over to the Animal Control Officer, Linda Patchell. Mrs. Patchell will begin visiting these owners and issuing summons for keeping an unlicensed dog. For more information on dog licensing contact the Town Office at 794-3372.

| Town of Lincoln Monthly Dog Licensing Report | 10/2011 | 11/2011 | 12/2011 | 1/2012 | As of 2/23/12 | Total |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Able to produce young | 16 | 15 | 58 | 111 | 29 | 229 |
| Neutered/Spayed | 47 | 90 | 270 | 216 | 38 | 661 |
| Kennels-10 dogs per License | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 5 |
| Replacements Tags | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Transfers from another Town | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Guide/ Police/ Service Animal | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Totals do not include Kennels | 64 | 105 | 328 | 328 | 68 | 893 |

ITEM 11. The Interlibrary Loan Program at the Lincoln Memorial Library has grown in popularity over the last few years. The popularity can be credited to the staff of our library who has continued to educate the patrons about the program. If our library doesn't have a particular

book, the staff has the ability to try to locate the book at another library within the United States and have the book loaned to our library patron.

The chart below illustrates the increase in usage of this program over the last three years. Assistant Librarian, Mary Jo Hammond, Clerk, Shandi Daigle and Librarian, Linda Morrill, created a database for tracking requests, the arrival of material and when return of the material to the lending library. Mrs. Morrill indicated that this service had been underutilized prior to January 2010. She said patrons are very pleased when they hear “*we do not have the book, however, we will request the title via our Interlibrary loan service*” and it arrives within 7 to 10 days. There is no way that one library could have all the books in its collection that a community would like to read. Interlibrary loan service is a very proactive service to all libraries nationwide. Bangor Public Library receives a grant annually to pay for the van delivery service for libraries in the Penobscot County area. Mrs. Morrill also tracks the titles requested and uses that information to update her collection development plan.

| Month | FY 2010 | FY 2011 | FY 2012 |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| July | NA | 112 | 79 |
| August | NA | 69 | 136 |
| September | NA | 76 | 124 |
| October | NA | 99 | 116 |
| November | NA | 67 | 112 |
| December | NA | 83 | 101 |
| January | 29 | 89 | 123 |
| February | 90 | 112 | 130* |
| Total | 119 | 707 | 921 |

*Loans as of 2/23/2012

ITEM 12. Patrol Officer, Mark Fucile, has spent time working on two thefts that were connected at Wal-Mart and the Lincoln Trading Pawn Shop on West Broadway. After completing his investigation, Officer Fucile applied for and received an arrest warrant for the suspect who did not live in Lincoln. As luck had it, the suspect had called 911 for help and was subsequently arrested on the warrant. The suspect was transported to Lincoln Police Department by Maine State Police Trooper, Chris Foxworthy. Officer Fucile was able to get a confession on the two thefts that also implicated a second suspect. Officer Fucile will be applying for another arrest warrant on the second suspect. Great Job Officer Fucile for solving these thefts! A special thanks to Sheriff Deputy, Patty McLaughlin and Trooper Foxworthy for the assist.

ITEM 13. Have a great weekend!