

The Town of

Woolwich, Maine

NEWSLETTER

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Federal, state, local, school ballots await voters on November 6

Election Day is Tuesday, November 6th. Voting will take place at Woolwich Central School on Nequasset Road. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Voters will receive 4 ballots - one for the State of Maine General Election, one for the State of Maine Referendum Election, one for the Town of Woolwich Municipal Election, and one for Regional School Unit #1 for School Board of Directors.

The Maine General Election ballot is two sided and lists candidates for several positions. The first side has U.S. Senator and Representative to Congress for District One and offers ranked choice voting. The candidates for U.S. Senator are Eric L. Brakey, Republican from Auburn; Angus S. King, Independent from Brunswick; and Zak Ringelstein, Democrat from Yarmouth. Voters also have the option of writing in a candidate.

On the reverse side of the General Election Ballot, voters will have one vote for the Governor,

State Senator for District 23, Representative to the Legislature for District 53, Sagadahoc County Treasurer, Sagadahoc County Register of Deeds and District Attorney for District 6.

Referendum consists of 5 questions. Question 1 is a Citizen Initiative concerning creating a Universal Home Care Program to provide home-based care to people with disabilities and senior citizens regardless of income. The program will be funded by a 3.8% tax on individuals and families with adjusted gross income of \$128,400 and above.

Question 2 is a Bond Issue for \$30,000,000 to improve water quality and support the planning and construction of wastewater treatment facilities.

Question 3 is a Bond Issue for \$106,000,000 for transportation construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation.

Question 4 is a Bond Issue for \$49,000,000 to be matched by public and private funds to modernize and improve the facilities at Maine's public universities.

Question 5 is a Bond Issue for \$15,000,000 to improve educational programs by upgrading facilities at all 7 of Maine's communi-

ty colleges.

The Town of Woolwich Municipal Election has two positions open, one for Selectman and one for Road Commissioner. The candidates for the three year term for selectmen are Donald J. Adams and David A. King, Sr. The candidate for a two year term for Road Commissioner is Jack A. Shaw. Voters have the option of writing in candidates for each position.

The Regional School Unit #1 Board of Directors has two seats open. The candidates for three year terms are Stephen August of Bath and Louis Ensel of Bath. Voters may also write in candidates for each position.

Sample ballots for the State of Maine General Election, the Referendum Election, the Woolwich Municipal Election and the RSU 1 are available at the Town Office and on the town website:

www.woolwich.us.



Calendar of Events

Tuesday, Nov. 6
8 am-8 pm
ELECTION DAY
Woolwich Central School

Sunday, Nov. 11
2 pm
VETERANS DAY EVENT
Nequasset Meetinghouse
(PLEASE NOTE TIME)

Saturday, Nov. 17
4:30-6:30 pm
HARVEST SUPPER
Woolwich Central School

Saturday, Nov. 24
9 am -1 pm
HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR
Woolwich Fire Department

Saturday, Dec. 1
9 am
SHOP TIL U DROP
CRAFT FAIR
Woolwich Central School



Save the Date!

WOOLWICH DAY
Saturday
August 3, 2019

New Woolwich Historical Society exhibit

The Woolwich Historical Society was the fortunate recipient of Bath Subaru's "Share the Love" annual event. The Society used some of the funds to purchase a glass case for use in displays at the Town Office. The Board is grateful to the McElmans for their generosity.

Next time you have to visit the Town Office - please check out the display case on the wall towards the Fire Department. Displayed there until early November are items

from Woolwich Grange #68, which ceased operation this past spring.

Coming next: toys, puzzles, games, and other treasures from the Woolwich Historical Society's collection.



New Town sign comes into the 21st century

There is a new informational sign on Route 1 in Woolwich. The former sign was a casualty of last

October's wind storm.

After voters approved spending funds that the Town receives from franchise fees from Comcast to purchase the sign, two Woolwich businesses, Jack A. Shaw and Sons and Shelter Institute, donated their labor and services to prepare the site and create and install the frame.

Messages and information are limited to Town-related business and events.



Solar panels offset Town electricity needs

The solar array installed at the end of 2017 has been up and running for 10 months, providing electricity for the Town. In that time, it has provided over 1400 KWh of energy and offset more than 13 and a half tons of carbon dioxide. For real time data on the solar panels, visit this web site <https://revisionenergy.solarlog-web.net/20467.html>

or look at the monitor the next time you are in the Town Office. The 80 panels sit on the land occupied by the former landfill on Middle Road.



Nequasset Meetinghouse Committee looking for a few good people

Nequasset Meetinghouse committee needs 2 or 3 more members. Duties: to keep the Selectboard and Town informed as to maintenance work needing to be done and to do basic cleaning 2 or 3 times a year before the building is used for special events, such as Veteran's Day, tree lighting, and the occasional memorial service. The latter is usually dusting and sweeping and sometimes washing the pews. Contact the Town Office if you can help.

"Age-Friendly survey" underway

A local initiative calling itself "Lower Kennebec River: Livable Communities Survey" is seeking your input to make our area more livable. The group, which includes Woolwich residents Marla Davis, Paul Dumdey, and Allison Hepler, has developed a survey to assess the needs of each town. Woolwich residents saw a paper copy of this in the tax bills. The opinions of all ages are key to making our communities home for a lifetime. If you did not fill out a paper copy, you can also complete the survey online, go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LKRLivSurvey>.

Town Office hours in November

Veterans Day: Town Office will be closed Monday, November 12.

Thanksgiving: Town Office will be closing at 4pm Wednesday, November 21 and closed Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23.

WOOLWICH RECREATION

Volunteers, donations are key to success



Facebook page, **Woolwich Community Recreation**, in the near future to see upcoming basketball and cheer sessions and for more updates and events, like free swim Sundays at the Wiscasset Community Center Pool. Finally, the mission of our committee is to plan and offer events and activities that bring

by Beth Harrington

We want to start our update this time with a special thank you to all of our coaches who volunteered this year (many of the same people again!) to make our sports programs run. We cannot expand our youth opportunities without their **precious** donation of time, energy and enthusiasm!

Another important “thank you” goes out to our local business sponsors and individual donors,

whose support helps purchase equipment and also contributes to our **scholarship program** that is available to help any family that needs financial assistance with program costs. If you would like to donate to help our Woolwich families “live life better,” you can do so at the Town Office window or in our white drop box in the lobby.



Woolwich Community Recreation continues to grow! In our third full year we added another Summer Adventure Camp week, organized a Trick or Trunk event, and had several family outings at local recreation spots. Our third annual “Woolwich Day BBQ Dinner” in August served many community members a delicious meal while raising donations that will help continue to keep our session costs low. This year we joined forces with the Fire Department to split the work and the profits, and the evening was a great success, even when there were a few sprinkles.

The 2018 Soccer season just finished with **104 participants** grades K-6th and we culminated the season by hosting a family BBQ to thank our coaches, players and volunteers for another epic season. Please look to our online registrations at www.woolwichrec.com or

Woolwich families together for free or minimal cost. We are proud to have organized the following:

- Red Claws night - January 12, 2019
- Free Swim at Wiscasset Community Center Pool 2019 dates - Jan. 6, Feb. 3, March 3, April 7. 5:00-6:00
- Family Snowshoe at Merry-meeting Fields Preserve (Chopps Point Rd) during the Great Maine Outdoor Week in February
- Sea Dogs game in May
- Yoga at Ebb and Flow Yoga Studio
- Bowling at the Bowling Bowl

Thanks again for supporting Woolwich Community Recreation Board Members: Dena Bachman, Kelsie Tardif, Brandon Cahill, Leslie Gallant, Greg Smith, Beth Harrington



WOOLWICH FIRE DEPARTMENT “New to us” Forestry truck, and grant for gear

by *Mike Demers*

We are very excited to announce a new addition to our fleet. Meet Forestry 7, or as we have nicknamed it, "The Beast." This forestry truck was once assigned to the Naval Air Station Brunswick Fire Department and was left there when the base closed.

It was utilized by the base redevelopment folks for functions such as the air show. We were recently made aware that the truck was being offered to a municipality free of charge. We made contact with the appropriate people and were able to secure this truck for the Town of Woolwich.

This will be a great addition to our fleet. It'll be extremely beneficial during brush fires. This unit is 4x4, has a 500 gallon water tank and will go where many other forestry trucks won't.

The truck is in great shape and just needs a little TLC to get it ready for service. Members immediately began cleaning it up and as you can see, it comes right back to its original shine.

We also want to thank Midcoast Excavation for donating their truck and driver Tom to pick



the Beast up and bring it home for us.

We also just received a \$2000 Safety Enhancement Grant from Maine Municipal Association to replace two sets of worn out firefighter gear. This is made even more special because the grant program is named in memory of a long-time MMA staffer and Woolwich resident Ed MacDonald.

Nequasset Park more ADA accessible for the public



Thanks to the Maine State Bureau of Parks and Lands, the Town received a \$15,000 grant to make upgrades to Nequasset Park's ADA accessibility. Funds were used to pay for a new paved walkway, additional handicapped parking

(and striping), and a new gravel path parallel to the stream. This work improves entry to the lake.

Pine Tree Engineering developed a

plan for the Town, in several stages. This summer's work, done by Jack Shaw and Sons, completed Phase I. The grant reimburses the Town

75% of the costs incurred by the Town, which totaled over \$13,000.

Additional grant funding is being sought by committee members Sue Ellen Whitaker and Joan Jordan.



WOOLWICH SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Help Woolwich Recycle and Reduce Costs

by Jonathan Appleyard

Woolwich residents are doing a good job recycling. With several changes, we can do even better and reduce trash and recycling costs.

The most important thing: use a **bin or trash can for recyclables**. Any container will do. No label is required though labels are available at the town office. As of December 3, Riverside Disposal, our haulers, will no longer pick any plastic or feed bags up on recycling day, even if they are filled with recyclables.

Second, **keep trash and shop materials out** of your recycling. When wood, clothing, ropes, toys, plastic straps or straws, styrofoam trays, furniture, bubble wrap, shop waste, or scrape metal ends up in recycling bins – as much as we might *wish* that it would

be recycled into new material – the reality is that it costs time and money to clean it out.

Third. Put plastic bags, feed bags, and styrofoam in trash. These are NOT recyclables and are costly, sometimes even dangerous, to remove. Take used, clean, useful clothing, household goods and toys to Goodwill, a local church or synagogue, or the Salvation Army.

The best rule of thumb is to recycle what you see in the graphic below and throw the rest in the trash. Recycling the right stuff is helpful. Recycling trash does no good.

Thank you for your efforts and please stop by or call the town office (442-7094), or call ecomaine (773-1738) if you have questions.

The Woolwich Recycling and Solid Waste Committee

WOOLWICH RECREATION COMMITTEE "GOES GREEN"

Support the Woolwich Rec Committee and help the environment. Canvas bags are \$10 each or 2 for \$18.



RECYCLE

THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING THESE:

Questions about which bin to put it in? Download the FREE Recyclopeda app!



 Cans	 Cartons	 Glass	 Paper	 Plastic Containers
				
Aluminum and Steel Cans empty and rinse	Food and Beverage Cartons empty and replace cap	Bottles and Jars empty and rinse	Mixed Paper, Newspaper, Magazines, Cardboard emptied and flattened	Kitchen, Laundry, Bath empty and replace cap

NO!

				
Do Not Bag Recyclables No Garbage	No Plastic Bags or Plastic Wrap (return to retail)	YUCK No Food or Liquid (empty all containers)	No Clothing or Linens (use donation programs)	No Tanglers (no hoses, wires, chains, or electronics)

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