

TO: Lincoln Town Council
FROM: Lisa J. Goodwin, Town Manager
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ITEM 1. It is not uncommon to see traffic backed up onto Goding Avenue during the lunch hour at McDonald's. That traffic jam will soon be alleviated!

In 1982 residents of Lincoln were excited to have McDonald's come to town. Thirty years later residents will watch as the walls of McDonald's come down and are replaced with a larger, more modern McDonalds complete with two drive-thru lanes and parking in the vacant lot adjacent to the current site! The Planning Board will meet on January 16, 2012 at 7:00 PM to review the site plan submitted this week by Bohler Engineering. Code Enforcement Officer, Dan Whittier, said if the site plan is approved, the next step in the process will be to issue a building permit for the new construction. Bohler Engineering anticipates this project to begin in March of 2012. This new construction along with the Dysart's convenience store is a good sign for our economy!

ITEM 2. The 2012 Homecoming Festival will be here before you know it! Events Coordinator, Amanda Woodard, is excited to announce that the Sean Chambers Band will be back in town to celebrate with us on Saturday before the fireworks. This band, featuring Lincoln's own Paul Broderick on the drums, has had a very successful year. They have released a new CD and have been playing nonstop. Bangor Savings Bank has partnered with the town and donated \$500 towards this event. Thank you, Bangor Savings Bank! Mrs. Woodard said she has also signed Lennie and the Mysfits to play at the pre-fireworks show.

The Roaming Railroad will also be back by popular demand for Friday and Saturday along with a Chuck Foster Teen Dance starting the festivities off on Wednesday, July 19th! Stay tuned for more updates on festival activities.

If you are interested in helping to plan the three-day festival or to volunteer to help at events, please contact Mrs. Woodard at 794-3372. The next Homecoming Committee meeting will be held Monday, January 16th, at 5:30 PM at the Town Office.

ITEM 3. At Monday's Town Council meeting the Town Council opted not to designate Penobscot Valley Avenue and Buckley Avenue as part of the ITS 82 snowmobile trail. At that time Assessor, Ruth Birtz, had been working with Representative Mike Michaud's office to garner assistance with getting a crossing further down the tracks off from the main road. Rob Thornton, from the Lincoln Snowhounds Club, spoke with the President of Pan Am, David Fink, this week and was told that Pan Am would not grant a crossing due to past liability issues. When Mrs. Birtz learned of this conversation she again contacted Rep. Michaud's office to find out where they were in the process. They are currently working on an alternate plan to have the trail permitted in the right-of-way alongside the railroad tracks to Penobscot Valley Avenue. This alternate route is being pursued by the suggestion of Mr. Fink as the railroad has done something similar in the past in other areas. The total distance the snowmobiles would travel on the right of

way to access the crossing is less than 600'. Mrs. Birtz is working with Congressman Michaud's aide, Christopher Winstead, in the Bangor office and Dustin Hilt, Senior Legislative Assistant to Congressman Michaud in Washington DC.

Mrs. Birtz has sent an email to representatives from the Snowhounds Club to see if they have contacted the owner of the previous trail to see if he would allow access again. She has not yet received a reply. Mrs. Birtz is working diligently to try to assist the Snowhounds in obtaining a new trail. If permission for one of these options is not obtained prior to the February meeting, the Snowhounds has requested that the Town Council reconsider their request.

ITEM 4. Recreation Director, Ronald Weatherbee, is happy to report that the 5th & 6th grade travel basketball teams are now in full swing. Last weekend kicked off their games and this weekend the boys and girls both travel to Millinocket on Sunday for a girls' game at 2:00 and boys' game at 3:15. The season will continue with a game most weekends, a couple of practices during the week and will end with the 10th Annual Lincoln Invitational Tournament in March. Anyone interested in helping with the tournament should contact Mr. Weatherbee at 794-6548 or Tournament Director, Nancy Guiod at 794-5556. Proceeds from the tournament benefit the future recreational center.

ITEM 5. Patrol Officer, John Walsh, leaves for the Maine Criminal Justice Academy's 18 week basic police school on January 17th. Officer Walsh has worked hard getting in shape for the rigors of this intense program. He is slated to graduate from the academy on May 18th. Officer Walsh will stay at the academy during the week and will come home on the weekends.

Police Chief, William Lawrence, said that Officer Walsh has had great success during his employment at the Lincoln Police Department. Officer Walsh has made several OUI arrests and warrant arrests along with developing drug intelligence. He has recently solved two burglaries and received confessions from the suspect and recovered stolen property. Chief Lawrence said, "*I can only imagine more success once he has graduated for the MCJA.*" Good luck, John!

ITEM 6. For most people the holiday season is a joyous occasion. But for those people with depression it can be a very difficult time. This often results in calls to law enforcement as well as an increase of activity in the hospital's emergency room. Recently, Officers Cram and Fucile along with State Trooper, Larry Anderson, responded to a report of shots fired inside a Mackenzie Avenue home from a despondent male. The male was placed into protective custody without incident and transported to Penobscot Valley Hospital for an evaluation. The male was released and charged with criminal threatening with a dangerous weapon and transported to the Penobscot County Jail.

On Monday morning Officer Cram responded to a Lee Road residence after a call from a case worker that her client was suicidal. Officer Cram, Trooper Anderson, Sgt Millet of the Maine State Police and Penobscot County Sheriff's Deputy, Patty McLaughlin, responded to the scene and were confronted by a female holding a knife. The female was taken into protective custody by Officer Cram without incident. Nice work by all officers involved.

ITEM 7. Library Director, Linda Morrill, reports that the on-line circulation system “Destiny” has been a great addition to the services the library provides for the community. She said that staff has recently added lists onto Destiny to assist patrons with their search for the *next great book*. Many readers ask for titles on the New York Times Best Seller list and new titles to the library. The library staff continues to work on creating additional lists for patrons. Over the last two weeks they created the following lists:

1. 2011 Fall Into Reading Adult Reading Program Titles: The titles in this list are recommended titles/authors from the fall reading program.
2. Spruce Run Book List: Lists the books on Domestic Violence received from Spruce Run over the last few years.
3. January 2012 New Book List: This lists the new books received each month and is updated continuously throughout the month as books arrive.
4. If you like “Classic English” books try these authors.
5. If you like “English Police” books try these authors.
6. Read-a-Likes: Lists popular author and matches other authors who write in a similar format. This includes a large selection of popular authors to help our readers find new authors to read.
7. If you like books with “female sleuths” try these authors.

Mrs. Morrill said this is just the beginning of creating lists to help patrons find new authors. The next list project will be creating a list of mystery writers and suggesting other like authors to promote the mystery collection.

Mrs. Morrill reports that ten patrons who use the on-line catalog weekly have “liked” this new feature and hope it continues. One patron was thrilled to see the list of January purchases online. She was able to reserve the titles at home and pick them up within a day of reserving them online. Mrs. Morrill is promoting this service to encourage patrons with Internet access at home to become comfortable with using the Destiny circulation system to reserve titles, renew titles and browse the on-line catalog and make suggestions for book titles.

ITEM 8. Transfer Station Director, David Lloyd, reports that the solid waste compactor at the Transfer Station is once again only operating on the single stage hydraulic pump. This means that the crew is unable to get a full trailer of solid waste before the unit is shutting down. Mr. Lloyd said there has been a big decrease in the weight of the trailers that have shipped recently which is a big concern. With these lighter loads it will mean more trips to PERC to be able to deliver the solid waste. With the price of fuel increasing along with additional trips, this translates to higher operational expenses for the Transfer Station. More trips mean more gallons of fuel and more miles, both of which were not anticipated in the 2012 budget.

During the 2012 budget process, Mr. Lloyd had requested funding for a new compactor. Through the budget deliberations, it was decided that half of the cost of the project would be budgeted in 2012 and the other half in 2013. The cost of replacement is approximately \$97,000. The current compactor was installed in 1980. If the unit continues to fail, I will ask the Town Council to appropriate funding this fiscal year to purchase a new compactor.

Residents and commercial haulers can help prolong the life of the compactor by ensuring that only allowable solid waste is put in the compactor. All items that should be recycled need to be separated from household waste and disposed of properly. For more information on recycling, please contact David Lloyd at 794-6658.

ITEM 9. The Recreational Center Fundraising Committee met this week to discuss various ways to get financial support for the future center. Committee members include Chairperson, Sarah Irving, Paul Smith, William Dicker, Ashley Brochu, Andrea Kneeland, Tom Vicaire, Kelly Nason, Calvin Nason and Jeff Wright. The committee has been charged with raising funds for the construction of the Recreational Center and would love to have you join their effort. If you would like to serve on the committee please call Recreation Director, Ronald Weatherbee, at 794-6548 or stop in the office and get a volunteer form.

The next committee meeting is tentatively set for February 6th at Health Access Network at 6:30 PM. This meeting is open to the public.

ITEM 10. Have a great weekend!