

MANAGER'S REPORT  
October 13, 2016

Treatment Plan Loan – I am pleased to report that we are going to be able to lock in the bond loan rate for the Sewer Treatment Plant upgrade at 1.85%. This is .9% less than the interest rate estimated at the time the treatment plant project was approved and will save the sewer ratepayers of Bucksport, Orland, and Verona a total of \$1,222,147.36 over the 28 year life of the loan. This is great news for all three communities. Bucksport's share of that savings is 89% or \$1,087,711.15. The Council will be voting on signing the loan documents at the Council meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Broadband Planning Grant – I am also pleased to announce that Bucksport was selected as one of four communities to receive a \$10,000 broadband planning grant by Eastern Maine Development Corporation. We will be part of a pilot project that develops a plan for each community but also a template for use by other communities interested in expanding broadband in their towns.

Block Party – There is a block party at the Golf Course from 4 p.m. on Sunday for the Heart & Soul program. Come and share some food and fellowship and your stories and learn more about this exciting program in Bucksport!

Election – The Clerk is and the front office are being overwhelmed with absentee ballot requests and with those voting absentee at the office. There will be additional helpers in the office the week before the election to help with processing and if the volume of absentee requests continues, we may set that up earlier.

Efficiency Maine Program – I am happy to report that I had two residents contact me this week about the Efficiency Maine Program that is being offered to provide \$1000 of energy improvements for a \$50 payment from the homeowner. The Enterprise ran an article on this program last week and I am in hopes that more people will get in touch to find out if they qualify.

Concrete Sidewalks – Sunset Development will be in town again on Monday and Tuesday of next week to complete one side of Main Street and will then begin the other side. We appreciate your patience as this project continues.

Town Docks & Marina – The Town Docks and Marina floats will be removed for the season next week.

Ghostport – A reminder that Ghostport festivities will be held on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. Starting with a parade beginning at the Town Office at 10 a.m. and ending with 'Halloween' showing at the Alamo at 10 p.m. It is a full day with something for everyone so make sure to attend.

Touch-A-Truck – Bucksport is sponsoring a Touch-A-Truck event at the high school this Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. featuring Bucksport Police Department's cruisers - Bucksport Fire Department's fire trucks - Town of Bucksport, Maine's Public Works department - Bangor Maine Police Department's "bomb squad" truck and robot - Penobscot County Sheriff's Office and its "mobile crime lab" truck - Maine State Fire Marshal's Mobile Command vehicle - Tow trucks from Dave's Auto Repair and Towing and more! Bring the kids and have a great time!

Lighthouse Arts Center Opening Celebration - Lighthouse Arts Center is having an opening celebration on Friday, October 14 from 6pm to 9pm! Stop by 86 Main Street in Bucksport for art demonstrations, meet the teachers & artists, get a sneak peek of the gallery artwork and check out upcoming classes.